# Introduction to the Records of the Church of Christ in Westborough Began in the Year of Our Lord 1724

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This volume of the Westborough Congregational Church records extends from 1724, when the church was founded, through the ministry of John Robinson who was ordained in 1789 and dismissed in 1807. Ebenezer Parkman (1703-1782), the church's first minister, was the author of most of the records. Later records were kept by several individuals, including Parkman's son-in-law, Elijah Brigham, Parkman's son Breck, and John Robinson, with a few additional records inserted by Robinson's successor, the Rev. Elisha Rockwood, to correct omissions in Robinson's records.

Parkman's entries are particularly rich in detail and, when supplemented by his extensive diary, provide a remarkable record of religious life in a small town in eighteenth-century Massachusetts.<sup>1</sup>

Digital images of the records are located on two sites: The Colonial Society of Massachusetts (CSM)<sup>2</sup> and New England's Hidden Histories.<sup>3</sup> The CSM images are accompanied by a literal transcription of the records. The literal transcription attempts to create, in typescript, an image of the original document with all the authors' abbreviations, superscripts, punctuation (or lack thereof), spelling, capitalization, and crossed-out words.

What follows is an "expanded" transcription of the records. The purpose is to make the records easier to read and to search without completely changing the document (i.e., making a "modernized" transcription).<sup>4</sup>

In this expanded transcription, abbreviations have been expanded unless commonly used today (e.g., Chh becomes Church); superscript letters have been brought down to the line and the words expanded (e.g., w<sup>th</sup> becomes with, Sacram<sup>t</sup> becomes Sacrament); additions that appear in the margins or at the bottom of a page have been silently inserted where Parkman placed a caret (^); crossed-out words are omitted unless the words suggest something of the writers' intentions (surely a subjective judgment); punctuation, particularly commas and semicolons, has been added — or omitted — to make reading the document easier; and paragraphing has been changed for the same reason. Spelling is unchanged, and, in a few instances, [sic] is inserted to reassure the reader that what appears in the transcription is what was written in the original document. Parkman liberally used dashes (—); for the most part, this transcription changes the dashes to periods or other

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>A transcription of the diary may be found at <a href="https://diary.ebenezerparkman.org">https://diary.ebenezerparkman.org</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://www.colonialsociety.org/node/3816.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>https://congregationallibrary.quartexcollections.com/Documents/Detail/church-records-1724-1782-church-of-christ-in-westborough-mass./34920?item=37536.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>For a description of the literal, expanded, and modernized styles of transcription, see the *Harvard Guide to American History*, ed. Frank Freidel (rev. ed.; Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1974, 1:27-32.

punctuation, leaving some dashes where the context seems to warrant their use (again, a subjective judgment). Ampersands are changed to "and" (with &c. changed to etc.). The thorn y has been rendered as "th" (e.g., y<sup>e</sup>, y<sup>t</sup>, y<sup>s</sup> become the, that, and this). In many expanded transcriptions, underscored words are placed in italics; in this transcription, such words remain underscored.

A few editorial decisions may seem arbitrary, but one hopes that such decisions are consistently used. Dates are uniform, with the months spelled out: for example, September 3, 1762 rather than Sep<sup>t</sup> 3. 1762. Parkman used several versions of "baptized": baptized, baptiz'd, baptizd, bapt., and bap<sup>d</sup>; in this transcription, bapt. and bap<sup>d</sup> become baptized. Parkman also used various spellings for Westborough and other "borough" towns; the names are fully spelled out.

One exception to the expansion of abbreviations occurs when Parkman spelled the past tense of verbs with the omission of the "e" in "ed" – for example baptizd, detaind, excusd, restord, desird, etc. In this transcription, such words remain as he wrote them (except, of course, when he wrote detained, excused, etc.)

Finally, there are a few footnotes to clarify missing information. On a number of occasions, Parkman recorded a baptism and the father's name but not the mother's, leaving a blank space. This suggests that the mother was not present and may have still been recuperating from childbirth. Whenever possible, the name of the mother has been added in a footnote.

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Church Records by Rev. Ebenezer Parkman

The first entry he made was on November 24, 1724.

His last entry was October 27, 1782.

He died December 9, 1782.

A period of 58 years.

1346 persons baptized.

Increrase Ward, age 52, was first. Masry Bigelow was last.

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# The first Inhabitants of Westborough were:

Thomas Rice
Charles Rice
John Maynard
John Fay
James Maynard
Samuel Fay
Aaron Forbush
Thomas Forbush
Samuel Forbush
Samuel Forbush
David Maynard
Edmund Rice
Young men
James
Maynard
James Maynard
Aaron Forbush
Jacob Amsden
Eleazar Beeman
Jotham Brigham

Edmund Rice David Brigham Capt. Joseph Byles James Bradish John Pratt

John Pratt junior Thomas Newton Josiah Newton

Josiah Newton Hezekiah How Daniel Warrin Increase Ward

Benjamin Townsend

Nathaniel Oake

Samuel Goodenow

Gershom Fay

Simeon Howard

Adam Holloway

Thomas Ward

Joseph Wheeler

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The Act of the Great and General Court of this Province for dividing the Town of Marlborough and erecting as New Township by the Name of Westborough was made in the year 1717.

Extract from the town records.

Westborough, October 10, 1718. Agreed and voted to raise the Meeting House upon the 21 of this instant October.

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Numb. 33:2, And Moses wrote their goings out to according their Journeys [their Proceedings] by the Commandment of the Lord: And these are they —

Ubi tres, Ecclesia est licet Laici. <sup>5</sup> Tertull. Exhotatione Castitatis, apud <u>Poli</u> Synops in 2 Thess. 1:1.

In Church dealing this Rule is to be observed. Scil. Cuncta prius tentanda; Sed immedicabile Vulnus Ense recidendum est, ne pars Sincera trahetur.<sup>6</sup>

It is a Rule, Ubi nihil Certi Statuit Scriptura, Mos Populis Dei,<sup>7</sup> and Instituta Majorum (modo Sint Secundum Normam Divinam) Pro Lege tenenda sunt.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>"Where there are three, there is a church, even though they are laymen." Translation from Heman Packard DeForest and Edward Craig Bates, *The History of Westborough, Massachusetts* (Westborough, 1891). 88.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>"All things must first be tried; but an incurable wound must be cut away by the sword, lest the sound part suffer." Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>"Where Scripture lays down no fixed rule, the custom of the people is of God." Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>"The ordinances of the Elders (provided they are in accordance with the Divine rule) must be held as law." Ibid.

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THE
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of
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#### WESTBOROUGH

was embodied, and Ebenezer Parkman was Ordained the Pastor thereof, October 28th, in the year of our Lord 1724.

N.B. Our Covenant and Members See at page 377.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Sarah, dau. Isaac and Mary Tomlin, b. April 15, 1708; Ruhumah, dau. Isaac and Mary Tomlin, b. September 30, 1709; Lidia, dau. Isaac and Mary Tomlin, b. June 29, 1716; Marlborough VR, 183.

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February 22. Benjamin, Son of Aaron and Susanna Forbush (which last has own'd the Covenant at Marlborough), was baptized.

1<sup>st</sup> Sacrament March 7. Our First Sacrament was Celebrated.

Jonathan, Son of Jonathan and Martha Howard (she being a Member of Marlborough Church), was baptized.

- April 4. 1725. Josiah Newton was admitted into our Communion. Patience, Daughter of James and Sarah Ball, was Baptized.
- 11. Daniel, Son of Hezekiah and Elizabeth How (She being a Member of Marlborough Church), was Baptized.

And Zipporah, Daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Wheeler, was Baptized also.

May 2. Beriah, Noah, and Vashti Rice; William, Son of William and Mary Holloway (both of which own'd the Covenant at Marlborough); Mary, Daughter of Nathan and Mary Ball (who own'd the Covenant at Marlborough likewise); and Ebenezer Miller, the Son of James and Sarah Miller, were all Baptized.

#### Sacrament

- 23. Our Second Sacrament was Solemnized.
- July 11. Mary, Daughter of James and Mary Maynard (She being Member of Marlborough Church), was Baptized.
- 18. Ephraim, the Son of Habijah and Mary Bruce (who had own'd the Covenant at Marlborough), was Baptized.
- 25. Anna Rice and Abigail Forbush were admitted into our Communion, and Mary Parkman, Member of Cambridge Church, Dorcas Forbush, Elizabeth Fay, Mary Brigham, and Bersheba Pratt, members of the Church of Marlborough, being Dismissed to us, were received into our Fellowship.

#### Sacrament

This day likewise the Sacrament was Celebrated.

August 22. Sarah, the Daughter of Nehemiah How, member of Sudbury Church, was Baptized.

September 5. Peres Rice and Lydia his wife, and Dinah Goodenough were admitted into our Communion, and Mary, wife of David Brigham, and Martha Howard also, being Dismissed to us from Marlborough.

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This Day likewise the Sacrament was Celebrated among us.

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September 19. Mary, Daughter of Ebenezer and Mary Parkman, was Baptized.

October 3. John Fay Junior and Hannah his Wife with Confessions and Humiliations for the Breach of the 7th Commandment were admitted into our Commiunion. And Jonathan, their Son, and Elizabeth, their Daughter, were Baptized. And John Pratt Junior, Nathan Ball and Mary his Wife, and Martha Thurston were also received into our Communion.

October 17. Hannah, the wife of Edmund Rice, being recommended and Dismissed to us by W. Sudbury Church, was admitted into our Communion.

This Day was the Sacrament administred unto us. To day likewise, Isaac Shattuck and Mary his Wife Confess'd publickly their Violation of the Seventh Commandment, owned the Covenant (or were Confirmed) and Sibyll their Daughter, was Baptized.

November 21. Rebecca Byles was admitted into our Communion.

November 28. The Lords Supper was administred to us.

Sacrament

This Day also Eleazar and Increase Ward, Sons of Increase Ward, were Baptized.

February 20. Daniel, Son of David and Dinah Goodenough, was Baptized.

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27. The Sacrament was Solemnized.

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March 20. Jason Badcock, being presented by Joseph Wheeler, was baptized.

April 3. Simon Tainter was added to our Fellowship.

The 10th day was our Sacrament.

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20. Mary, the Daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth Newton, was Baptized.

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- May 1. Asher Rice was admitted into our Communion.
  - 8. Betty, the Daughter of John and Bathsheba Pratt, was Baptized.
- 22. Hannah, the Daughter of Joseph and Martha Willard of Hassinemisco, was Baptized.
- 29. Jedidiah, the Son of Peres and Lydia Rice, was (by Mr. <u>Barrett</u> in My absence) Baptized.
- Sacrament June 26. The Lords Supper was Solemnized with us.
  - July 10. Noah, Son of Aaron and Susanna Forbush, was Baptized.
- Sacrament August 21. Was Sacrament Day.
  - September 11. Edward Baker was admitted into our Communion.
    - 18. Mary, the Daughter of Isaac and Mary Shattuck, was baptized.
- Sacrament 25. The Sacrament was administred.
  - October 9. Eli, the Son of Jonathan and Hannah Forbush, was Baptized by Mr. Cushing in my absence.
  - November 6. Gideon, the Son of Jonathan and Martha Howard, was Baptized.
- Sacrament 13. Hannah Holloway was admitted into our Fellowship. And this Day also the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was Administred among us.
  - December 11. Thomas Forbush Junior was admitted into our Communion.
    - 25. Persis, Daughter of Edward and Persis Baker, was baptized.
- 1727. January 1. Ann, Daughter of John and Jennet McCollister, was baptized.
  - 15. Mary, Daughter of William and Mary Holloway, was baptized.

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January 29. Joseph Joslin owned the Covenant; His Wife Katharine was admitted into full Communion; and their Daughter Mary was baptized.

February 12. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

March 26. Mary Shattuck was admitted into our Church.

April 2. Jonathan Forbush and Hannah, his Wife, being dismissed from the Church of Marlborough, were admitted into our Fellowship and this Day The Lords Supper was administred. Furthermore, These Severall Children following were baptized, namely, Mary, Daughter of Samuel and Deborah Grow; Dorcas, Daughter of Thomas (Junior); and Hannah Forbush, and Jonathan, the Son of Hezekiah and Abigail Ward (who belong to Marlborough Church).

Sacrament

- 16. Jonathan, Son of Habijah and Mary Bruce; and Elizabeth, Daughter of James and Sarah Ball, were baptized.
- May 7. Tabitha Fay (the wife of Samuel Fay) was admitted into our Communion.
  - 14. The Sacrament of The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

28. John Green, having Stood propounded a week, owned the Covenant and his Son Ephraim Green was Baptized. At the same time, Adonijah, the Son of Charles and Rachel Rice (who had owned the Covenant at Marlborough), was also Baptized.

June 4. Eunice, daughter of James

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and Damaris Bradish; and Benjamin, Son of Simon and Rebecca Tainter, were baptized.

June 18. Miriam, daughter of James and Mary Maynard, was baptized.

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25. The Holy Communion was celebrated. And Susanna daughter of Nathan and Mary Ball was baptized.

July 30th. Lydia, the Daughter of William and Rebecca Nurse, was baptized.

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August 13. The Holy Communion was Celebrated.

20. Samuel, the Son of Nehemiah and Margarett How of Hassinemisco (but member of Sudbury Church), was Baptized: as was Daniel, the son of James and Sarah Miller.

August 27. Ebenezer, The Son of Ebenezer and Mary Parkman, was Baptized, as was Aaron, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Wheeler, at the Same time.

Sept: 10. Eleazer Beeman and Hannah his Wife owned the Covenant and Abraham, their Son, was baptized.

- 17. Josiah Rice and Thankfull his wife owned the Covenant and Joseph, their son, was Baptized.
- 24. Eunice Pratts Confession and Relation were read to the Church and Congregation, and She was Restored and admitted into our Communion and Her sons Moses and Isaac and her Daughter Mary were Baptized.

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October 1. The Lords Supper was administred. Obadiah Newton and Abigail his wife, owning the Covenant, were Confirmed and

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Phinehas their Son and Abigail their Daughter were baptized.

October 5. The Church was called together (a Second Time) to either confirm their <u>Choice of Deacons</u> made in February 1725; or make a new Election; and to Consider the want of Sufficient <u>vassels</u> to carry on the orderly Celebration of the Eucharist. The meeting was opened with Prayer to the Supream Bishop of the Church for Divine Direction and Conduct in the Affair undertaken. The Address ended, the Ends propos'd were declared; but Examining into the numbers present and Comparing them with those that were not with us, we found there was but a minor Part of the Church — wherefore Considering with all, the Importance of Every Such Matter in a Church (as hath reference to its <u>officers</u>) any proceeding to the Business mainly design'd, was by every one declin'd. And Since there must be a new Appointment the other matter abovemention'd was likewise defer'd to another Opportunity, after it was Somewhat discours'd about. So that having again Supplicated Benediction from God and appointed our Re-assemblying on this Day Se'nnight the meeting concluded. Care was taken that as our Bus'ness was put off and another meeting appointed merely because there was not a major Part of the Church, so all those that are absent Should be duely notifyed and urged to attend the next meeting.

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October 12. 3rd Church meeting. The Church came together upon the Bus'ness before named, and though there was a great deal of Care taken that every one that was not sick Should be present yet There were but Eleven assembled. There was First a Debate about the validity of Such proceedings as those of a minor Part of a Church met together. All present ware of Opinion that Proper warning being given If either through Divine Providence preventing by Sickness etc. or through neglect from time to time the majority Should be absent, yet Those that are orderly met together are impowered to transact and manage the Church's Bus'ness. And it was Thought unreasonable that the Affairs propos'd Should be any further put off, or the Brethren obliged to gather together from Time to Time till there should happen to be a major Part, When a great number of the retained were disabled and Everyone fully Notifyed. So that it was thought expedient as well as defensible to proceed. Accordingly address was first preferr'd to Heaven and then The Church (as they were look'd upon to be) Chose By Written votes John Fay and Isaac Tomlin to be the Deacons of This Church; Scarcely a Vote for anyone besides.

And as to the other Article respecting <u>Vessels</u> it was voted that Two shillings Should be collected of every Male Member of the Church to purchase a <u>Flagon</u> holding Two quarts; and <u>Two Pint</u> Tankard; also a <u>Bason</u> for Water of Baptism.

Which ended, and various Conferences tending to promote and secure the Church's Safety, The Meeting clos'd with offering Supplication and Thanksgiving to God.

15. Jonah Warrin and Elizabeth his Wife offer'd Confessions (having broken the Seventh Commandment)

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and desired to be at peace with God and with his people. He owned the Covenant. She was admitted into our Communion. And at the Same time Nathaniel Whitney, who owned the Covenant at Concord, Submitting to the Discipline of this Church, had his Daughter Mary baptized.

Nov: 5. Tabitha Oake (the wife of Nathaniel Oake) was admitted into our Communion.

12. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was Celebrated. And on the same day Mary, the Daughter, and Elijah and Jonas, Sons of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin, were baptized. And when the worship was Ended a Letter was Read, which was sent to this Church from the Church of <u>Leicester</u> requesting our Assistance in Council there on the 22nd of this Current November. Upon which This Church voted to Send The Pastor and Deacon Tomlin. But the Council was deferr'd till April.

December 3. Mary Bradish (born March 25, 1715) was admitted into our Communion.

December 24. Aaron, the Son of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin; and Mary, the Daughter of Samuel and Isabel Ferguson (whose Certificate, sign'd by Jonathan Elder and John Given, Elders of the Congregation of Aughadowy (in Ireland), I had received at their hands and propounded their Desires in the forenoon) who also Manifested their willingness to Submit to the Discipline of our Church), were Baptized.

The Same Day there was a Contribution in the Congregation for the Relief of Mr. John Paterson of this Town.

Contribution for Mr.

<u>Paterson</u>.

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A Council

to be at

Leicester.

\_\_\_\_\_31. Thomas Rice junior and Mary his Wife confessed their Sin of fornication, were restored and Admitted into our Communion and their Son Asa and their Daughter Melliscent were baptized. Also <u>Cornelius Cook and Eunice</u> his wife made the like confession of the same sin. They were restored. He own'd the Covenant and she was admitted into our Communion and Jonathan their Son was baptized.

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The Same Day Hannah, the wife of Thomas Forbush junior, was admitted into our Communion.

- 1728. January 7. I detained the Brethren of the Church to receive the Answers of those persons the Church had elected to be <u>Deacons</u> thereof. I accordingly proceeded to Desire them to Deliver what they had to offer to the Church. Mr. <u>Fay</u> said that "If the Brethren of the Church had Chosen him to be a Deacon he accepted of it and would Serve them Notwithstanding if the Church had Seen meet to pitch upon some other person he should have been <u>heartily</u> Glad." <u>Mr. Tomlin</u> Spake to this purpose "That This Church having elected him, he was not against Serving them in the Office, for he Saw Divine providence brought him into it. (But he added) Without the Brethren would drop him" (for he had much Sollicited to be releas'd). I Then appointed the 11th Day to be a Church meeting upon the Matter of introducing them into their office.
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- 11. The Church gathered together and We were Entertained with a Discourse touching the Method and manner of introducing Deacons into their office: from Acts 6:6. Which Discourse having been heard, The Matter was Left to the Church's Consideration, what Method we Should take. The Deacons Elect in the Mean time were requested to take the care of the Business as they had hitherto done. Mr. Tomlin made some opposition against a formal ordination though he was not unwilling to Serve the Church, as it was usuall and Customary in some other Churches about us. But Mr. Fay chose to take the matter into maturer Thought and requested his Brother Tomlin to do the Like. As we opened the Meeting with Prayer we Closed it therewith.
- 21. Nathaniel Whitney and Mary his Wife, and Thomas Bruce were admitted into our Fellowship.
  - 28. Hezekiah Tomlin was baptized and admitted into our Fellowship.

Sacrament February 4. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was celebrated.

March 10. Timothy, Son of Josiah and Elizabeth Newton, was baptized.

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11. The Church (by appointment) came together upon the instant Request of <u>John McCollister</u> and <u>Asher Rice</u>. The Business was to Consider whether the Case of Those persons Complaining of <u>Josiah Newton's</u> deceiving them in his administration in the office of Military Clerk, Shall be looked upon and accounted, <u>as it now</u> stands, a proper Cause for the Church to hear.

5<sup>th</sup> Church Meeting

We began with Solemn and Earnest invocation of the Name of God and his Gracious Direction and Assistance. The Church had in the Next place a serious and warm Discourse offered them by the Pastor tending to and pressing the Consideration of the Momentousness and authority of Church Meetings, and the Very good or very Evil Aspect they may have on the Church, the awfull account to be given in to the great Lord and Supream Bishop, of our Behavior and management while together in this manner. The Fatal Mischiefs of Divisions, the Necessity of Caution in these Contentious Times, especially while under the awfull Rebukes of Heaven: upon the whole, that we ought to keep our Selves under the narrowest watch and carefully observe the Rules of the Platform of Church Discipline, it being the foundation that we (as yet) are upon. The 10th ch. of the Platform from Section 5 being read, we proceeded to the Affair. After Some debate, none being able to alledge but that it must be looked upon as a mixt case and it appearing most Regular that the Civil part of the Cause should be discussed first, the Pastor proposed that it might be managed by an arbitration (agreeable to what the Apostle Said in 1 Cor. 6:4-5) and that as it was brought in by the Arbitrators, we should proceed to it in an Ecclesiastical way if it should be found needfull. This proposall was accepted. And thus this case was dismissed.

Another Affair was also brought before the Church at this meeting. The Pastor took their Advice in what would be most warrantable and Regular to be done in the Case of Samuel Hardy and his wife who desired baptism for their Child born Three dayes within Seven Months after the parents' Marriage. No opposition was made to proceeding to grant the Priviledge, the Circumstances of the fright it was declared the mother was in, occasioning as was believed the hasty birth, together with their serious Declaration that they were innocent, being all the Satisfaction the Church could have in a Case of this nature.

Recommending our Selves to the Conduct of Heaven by Prayer and Thanksgiving, the Meeting Concluded.

21. Being a publick Fast, Eleazar Bellows and Sarah his wife, upon Confession of the Sin of Fornication, were restored and admitted into our Communion.

April 1. The Church came together, and Supplications having been made to Heaven (See the Articles of that Prayer at this meeting at the close of this Paragraph), the

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End and Purpose, upon which we met was Express'd, namely, To See whether The Church Had accepted of the Satisfaction and Reconciliation between our Brethren John McCollister and Josiah Newton (who, agreeable to the Desire of the Arbitrators, had met together and said McColister hearing the Judgment of the Arbitrators agreed, and Josiah Newton humbling himself and asking forgiveness, said McCollister told him He accepted of what was now done and was Reconciled), and Brothers Asher Rice and Newton had readily complyed also to leave their Difference to Two of the Same Arbitrators and would bind themselves to the Result. But there was not a willingness among many of the Church; and They could in no wise be Easy except the Reconciliation Should be (not only read in private, as Said McCollister would be contented with if it might Satisfie the Church, but also) Openly Read before the Church, as a Church. Newton not readily complying with that which he esteemed private's being publish'd, Severall were not a little Disgusted and disturb'd So that when it had been read they could by no means admit that What said Newton had offered was Sufficient. Moreover, considering this Matter had been Not only transacted with So many persons, and had been So much spread abroad to the great grievance and offence of many; withall, considering that Brother Collister [sic] could not be Easy upon any other Terms than the Church's acceptance of what had been done by them privately; For these Reasons The Church, that is, what were present, Scil: Six against five (There being but Eleven of 28 met together, (Except The Pastor, who refus'd to give his vote of either Side) Voted That the late Proceedings of Josiah Newton Should be brought under the Cognizance of the Church. — Which being dis[patch'd?] another Affair, namely respecting Samuel Hardy's Enjoying Priviledges among us was mentioned; but, it growing late we deferr'd it and appointed another meeting. And So recommending our Selves to the Protection and Conduct, and all our Ad-

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ministrations to the <u>Direction and Blessing</u> of our gracious God and Redeemer, especially under the present Difficulties, imploring Pardon at the Hands of God; with Thanksgivings for his innumerable both public and Private mercies, and Beseeching that the threatning Evils may be averted from us — The Meeting was dissolvd.

April 4. Being met together we first offered up most Earnest Supplications to God to 7th Church prevent the Evils threatning us, to grant his immediate and Signal presance with us, and Meeting. to Assist, Conduct, and give an happy issue to us. The Pastor next declared The Bus'ness of the Meeting; namely, to take under our Cognizance the late Conduct of Josiah Newton; But before it was proceeded to, the Pastor gave an urgent Premonition and Exhortation, touching the Evils and Dangers we were in a very dreadfull manner exposed to, and pressing to utmost Caution and watchfullness over our Selves as well as against our Spiritual Enemies, Deliberation and prayerfullness, and relyance on God etc. Then it was Enquir'd into, How far doth Josiah Newton acknowledge himself Sorry for what he has done; and what is meant by his Proceedings with John McCollister? And he answering that thereby he meant his Leading them (namely John McCollister and the Persons with Him) along in Such a Train of Discourse as Deceived them. A Confession was immediately drawn up at Brother Newtons Request and Direction: And being read to the Church Several Times over, Acceptance was universally Voted. After which the Pastor turn'd to the said Newton with a brief word both Hortatory and Consolatory.

Our Brother <u>Asher Rice</u> had requested that Some complaints of His against the Same <u>Newton</u> might have an hearing (Saving only That Complaint of His relating to the Same Deceit before Spoken of was dropt; and his humbling himself [beforesaid], the said <u>Rice</u> was well Satisfyed — and declared withal, that he for ever sunk the <u>Temporal</u> Part also). There were

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then Two Articles remaining, one of <u>Defamation</u>, which being without any Support, Sunk of it Self; The other <u>Charging</u> Said Newton with Speaking <u>Falsely</u> and <u>injuriously</u> in Saying that He (viz., Newton) had paid the Constable for Him (the Said Rice) Twice or Thrice and that if He had not paid his Rates for him the Constable would have carryed him to jail which Rice denyed. Newton Said, He Spake Thus, that He had several Times paid the Constable for him; when except he had done so the Constable would have carryed Him to jail for ought he knew. But the Church voted That They would not meddle with That Matter. So These Affairs finished.

The Affair of <u>Samuel Hardy</u> came next under Cognizance. And it appeard that a great majority were for his Enjoying Priviledges; But 4 or 5 offerd their Dissent, and some of them their Reasons, which Reasons were referred by the Pastor to his own further Consideration.

The Meeting Then Concluded with Prayers and Praises offered unto God.

April 14. Jonathan and Lydia Goodenow and Rebecca (the Wife of Simeon) Howard (this last person being dismiss'd from the Church of Marlborough) were admitted into our Communion.

Sacrament The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was Celebrated.

Ithamar, the Son of Jonathan and Lydia Goodenow was baptized.

- 21. Nathaniel Oake owned the Covenant and William his Son was baptized.
- 28. Elizabeth, Daughter of Samuell and Tabitha Hardy (the objections that were from Time to Time made from its being born 3 Dayes under Seven (Solar) Months being Obviated) was baptized.

May 19. Anna, Daughter of William and Mary Coi (who had own'd the Covenant at Framingham, and Submitted to the Discipline of our Church) was Baptized.

Ephraim and Susanna Allen were ad-

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mitted into our Communion.

<u>A Letter</u> from the Pastor and Standing Part of the Church of Christ at <u>Leicester</u>, with the Council at the Consent of the agrieved, requesting the Assistance of our Church and that we would Send our Pastor and Messenger or Messengers to sit in Council on the 22 of this Instant, at Leicester, that their Breaches may be made up etc. This was read to the Church, and The Church first <u>voted</u> a Complyance with the Request. And then Voted That <u>Deacon Fay</u> accompany the Pastor to Sit in Council at <u>Leicester</u>, agreeable to that Church's Entreaty.

May 26. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was Celebrated, and of Baptism was Sacrament administred to the following Children viz., Sarah, daughter of Daniel and Mary Thurston; Eleazar, son of Eleazar and Hannah Behman; and Phebe, daughter of Joseph and [blank] Willard. 10

July 7. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred: <u>James Fay</u> and <u>Lydia</u> his Sacrament Wife, John <u>Green</u>, <u>Samuel Fay</u> junior and <u>Deliverance</u> his Wife, and <u>Mehetabel Fay</u>, being first admitted into our Communion. The Same Day <u>George Oake</u>, the Son of <u>Mary Rice</u> (by her former Husband <u>Oake</u>) and <u>Deliverance</u>, the Daughter of <u>Samuel Fay</u> junior and <u>Deliverance</u>, were baptized.

- August 11. James Cutler (of Hassinemisco) was admitted into our Communion.
- 18. Charity, Daniel, Sarah and Anna, Children of Eleazar and Sarah Bellows, were baptized.
  - 25. The Holy Communion was celebrated.

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September 8. David Maynard Junior, Elizabeth Wheeler, and Mary Holloway were admitted into our Communion.

- 15. Timothy, The son of David and Dinah Goodenow, was baptized.
- 22. <u>Rebecca</u>, The Daughter of Jonathan and Aibgail Livermore (members of West Waterton), was baptized.
  - 29. Agnes Thornton was admitted into our Communion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>Phebe, dau. Joseph and Martha, b. Mar. 22, 1728; *Vital Records of Grafton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 1906), 148.

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Sacrament	October 6. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred. Before which Sarah Ball (wife of James Ball) was admitted into our Communion.		
	27. Ebenezer Hayward was baptized.		
	November 7. (Being General <u>Thanksgiving</u> ) James and Sarah Miller were admitted into our Communion.		
	17. Deliverance, Daughter of Increase Ward, and Moses, Son of Daniel Warrin, were		
Sacrament	Baptized — The Sacrament of the Lords Supper having been administred this Day also.		
	December 8. Seth Rice and Dorothy his wife own'd the Covenant; and Persis, their Daughter, was Baptized.		
	22. Abigail, Daughter of Edward and Persis Baker, was Baptized.		
<u>1729.</u>	January 12. Kezia Maynard was admitted into our Communion.		
	26. <u>Lucy</u> (The Daughter of William and Mary Holloway) and <u>Daniel</u> (the Son of James and Lydia Fay) were Baptized.		
	February 9. Ruth (Daughter of <u>Samuel</u> Fay junior and Deliverance) was Baptized. And *Benjamin Thurston <sup>11</sup> was admitted into our Communion.		
Sacrament	23. Daniel Hardy and Vashti his wife were admitted into our Communion.  And the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred.		
	March 23. Artemas, Son of Habijah and Mary Bruce, was (by the Rev. Mr. Cushing of Shrewsbury, in my Confinement) Baptized.		

April 20. Abigail, daughter of Nathan and Mary Ball, was Baptized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>Not clear why there is an asterisk.

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May 4. Jonathan Livermore and Abigail his wife (being dismissed from the Church in the West Precinct in Waterton) were admitted into our Communion.

11. <u>Hannah</u>, Daughter of Jonathan and Hannah Forbush, <u>Ephraim</u>, Son of Peres and Lydia Rice, and <u>Francis</u>, Son of Hezekiah and Abigail Ward, were baptized.

The Same Day the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred among us. Sacrament

18. Agnes Thornton was dismissed from our Communion (upon her requesting the Same) at the Removal of her abode out of Westborough into Worcester.

The Same Day the Request of <u>John McCollister</u> to have his Twin Infants Baptized in his own House was offered the Church and Congregation. The Grounds of Private Baptism in Cases of Extremity Shewn (though briefly) from <u>John</u> 4:21,23, 1 <u>Cor</u>. 1:1. and <u>Acts</u> 16:13. An hint of the Practice of the Church of Christ abroad and in our own Land hereupon; And the <u>Reasons</u> that evidence this Present Case to be such as may (upon those Grounds) warrant Private Baptism; namely the Smallness, feebleness and Sickliness of the Children and questionableness whether they will live,

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and their great Distance from the Place of Public Worship — To which add the Low, distress'd and Dangerous Circumstances of Mrs. McColaster; all which render it extreamly Difficult to bring the Children forth.

From which Considerations I was excited to propose, and appoint that tomorrow at Ten of the Clock I would with Divine Permission repair to the House of our Brother McColaster to Baptize his Children There, requesting that So many of the Church and Congregation as can attend it, principally the Deacons of the Church, would meet me there, that there may be Sufficient Witnesses, and orderly Solemnity in the Celebration and administration of that Ordinance, which I design, in the Fear of God, there to undertake.

19. According to Yesterday's Appointment I went over to John McColaster's to Baptize his Children.

We began the Exercise with Prayer; Then proceeded to a Brief Diassertation concerning the Grounds upon which we were met together and the Defensibleness of the undertaking. — After which we prayed and administred Baptism to Mary and Hannah, Daughters of John and Jennet McColaster. After a Third Prayer we Sang part of a Psalm, and the Blessing was pronounced. There were half a Score of the Church, present, or more among which the Deacons; And above that number of others: besides those who belonged to the House. In all nigh thirty Persons.

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May 25. Nathaniel, Son of Nathaniel and Mary Whitney, was Baptized.

June 8. Elizabeth, Daughter of Simon and Rebecca Tainter; Thomas, Son of Thomas Junior and Hannah Forbush; and Phinehas, Son of James and Mary Maynard; were Baptized.

Habijah Bruce and Mary his wife were the Same Day admitted into our Communion.

- 15. Daniel, Son of William and Rebecca Nurse, was baptized.
- 29. Lydia, daughter of John Danforth (who own'd the Covenant at Billerica and Submitted to the Discipline of this Church), was baptized.

July 6. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred, at my urgent Request (being under under much Infirmity) by the <u>Rev. Mr. Breck</u> of Marlborough who was very unexpectedly among us to Day, instead of Mr. Park.

Sacrament

P.M. Thomas, Son of Ebenezer and Mary Parkman, was baptized.

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- July 13. Samuel, the son and Susanna, the Daughter of Ephraim and Susanna Allen; Rebecca, the Daughter of Samuel and Tabitha Hardy; and Robert, the Son of Cornelius and Eunice Cook, were baptized.
  - 20. Samuel Ferguson, a Second Samuel Ferguson from Ireland, own'd the Covenant, and at his and his Wife [blank] Desire (who was recommended from Sudbury West-Precinct), Samuel their son was Baptized.
  - 27. Gershom Fay and Hannah his Wife owned the Covenant and Gershom their Son was baptized.
  - August 3. Edward, Son of Nehemiah How of Hassenemisco, and James, the son of James and Sarah Ball, were baptized.
  - 17. Sarah, The Daughter and Elijah, the son of Ephraim and Susanna Allen, were baptized.
  - 24. Anna, Daughter of James and Damaris Bradish, was baptized. The same Day Charles Rice and Rachel his wife were admitted into our Communion.

September 7. Hezekiah Ward and Abigail his wife, being dismiss'd from and recommended to us by the

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Church in Marlborough, were admitted into our Communion.

September 28. Marshal, The Son of Obadiah and Abigail Newton, was baptized.

October 5. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred.

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November 9. Hannah, Daughter of John (junior) and Hannah Fay, was baptized.

January 11, 1730. Samuel, the Son of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin; and Edmund, the Son of Seth and Dorothy Rice, were baptiz'd by the Rev. Mr. Barrett, being my Self Confin'd by my Infirmities.

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March 22. Rebecca, Daughter of Aaron and Susanna Forbes, was baptized.

29. Abigail, daughter of Hezekiah and Elizabeth How; and Anna, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Whitney, were baptiz'd.

N.B. Public Fast on April 2. Elijah, Son of Eleazar and Sarah Bellows, was baptized.

April 12. Jonathan, Son of Jonathan and Abigail Liver-

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more, was baptized.

April 19. Hannah, Daughter of William and Mary Holloway, was baptized.

May 3. Seth, son of James and Sarah Miller, was baptized.

Sacrament May 24. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred. <u>Deacon Fay</u> having first desired his acknowledgment or brief Confession, Should be read, for his irregular Conduct on May 3rd, when attempting a Speech to the Congregation after the usual Exercises were finished (which, how Zealously and innocently Soever it could charitably be Supposed to be Meant, was nevertheless very imprudent and of ill tendency, for) he was immediately answered by <u>Lieut. Forbush</u> — <u>He</u> again replyed with expressions of Passionate heat — upon which issued much Disturbance on both sides altogether Criminall, and even Surprising, upon the Lords Day and so presently after our holy imployments.

The Deacon's Acknowledgment being read in the Congregation, the Church (to whom it was directed) voted an acceptance of him, and compleatly restored him. N.B. The <u>Lieutenant</u> though exhorted (privately) thereto made none, Howbeit he was not less in the Disturbance than the Deacon.

P.M. Mehitabel, the Daughter of James and Mehitabel Cutler, was baptized.

June 14. <u>Hannah</u>, The Daughter of Eliezar and Hannah Beeman; <u>Sarah</u> the Daughter of David and Dinah Goodenow; and <u>Persis</u>, Daughter of Samuel junior and Deliverance Fay, were baptized.

2	21. Isaac,	son of Josep	n and Katha	rine Joslin,	was baptized.
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24. Thankfull, Daughter of Samuel Harrington (who had owned the Covenant at Weston and Submitted

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Records. 23. to the Discipline of this Church), was baptized. July 12. Having received the Request of Margarett McCollister to be admitted into our Communion with Letters Testimonial and Recommendatory from the Church at Worcester, She was received a member of this Church. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred, and Sacrament Jerusha and Martha, Daughters of Increase Ward, and Abigail, Daughter of Habijah and Mary Bruce, were baptized. August 16. Abigail, Daughter of Hezekiah and Abigail Ward, was baptized. October 4. The Lords Supper was administred. Sacrament 11. Lydia, Daughter of James and Lydia Fay, was baptized. 18. Lydia and Thomas, Children of Thomas and Lydia Warrin, were baptized, upon their Parents publickly owning the Covenant among us.

A Letter from the Congregation of the Lord in Southborough to this Church was Ordination at read; and the Request of it, namely to Send the Elder and Such Messengers as the Southbrough. Church Should See Meet to their Assistance in the Gathering a Church there and ordaining Mr. Nathan Stone their pastor, was voted.

2d Vote that the Church would send 2 Persons with the Pastor, its Messengers on that occasion.

3d vote that the Two Deacons, be those Messengers to go with the Elder.

Lastly the Blessing of the Church gave Dismission.

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October 25. Elizabeth, Wife of Hezekiah How, having produc'd her Dismission from the Church of Marlborough, to which She belonged, was, upon her Request, admitted into our Communion.

November 1. Samuell Gamel owned the Covenant and his wife Margarett was admitted into full Communion. The Same Day Nahum, Son of Daniel and Mary Warrin, and Margarett, Daughter of the above named Samuell and Margarett Gamel, were baptized.

Sacrament November 16. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred. Thankfull (the wife of Josiah) Rice having been (likewise) admitted into our Communion.

December 6. Isabell, the Daughter of Samuel and [blank] Ferguson, and Daniel, the Son of Cornelius and Eunice Cook, were baptized, and Samuel Hardy and Tabitha his Wife were admitted into our Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_13. Dinah and Experience Ward and Thankfull Smith (their sister) were baptized, and the Last of them was admitted into full Communion with us.

1731. February 14. Ruhamah (the wife of Josiah) Newton was admitted into into our Communion.

Church Meeting \_\_\_\_\_18. The Church Met together and the Pastor having first offered up An Address to the Supream Shepherd, The Occasion of the Church's being called together was opened Scil: Upon propsect of the Season revolving and therewith Hope of Opportunity for the Holy Communion, it appeared Needfull by Prayer and

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other Suitable and Prudent Endeavours to prepare and dress our Selves with a Wedding Garment to meet our Glorious Lord thereat; and inasmuch as there has been in the Congregation Disquietment, and (with them) among some of the Members of the Church, Uneasiness touching the attempts to regulate our Singing, it was urged as being our indispensable Duty for persons under Disquietment with one another, to take the Steps of Church Dealings with those that had given or taken Offence, if any such there were; But if there be no Bottom on which to Ground any such Regular Dealings, there ought to be a fraternal agreement and mutual forgiving each his Brother's Infirmities. Earnest Exhortations followed to a Suitable Regard to the Sacred Bonds of our Covenant — the Regular Steps of the Platform — the Composing our Spirits, uniting in holy Love — Carefullness to walk according to our Solemn Profession and present Occasion of Reflection upon Church Members — And Finally, to remember the Sacred Trust and Treasure committed to us by Christ in our Church Privileges, to prize and improve and in no wise to betray them.

Liberty being given to any Brother of the Church, under any Dissatisfaction, to offer his Sentiments (observing order), Brother Thomas Forbush Spake of the Disquietments by the <u>Singing</u>; and intimated that he thought they were Chiefly Occasioned now by the Pastors not falling in with the <u>Town</u> in what they had done at their Town Meeting upon that Article - To which the Pastor replyed that Inasmuch as the Town had proceeded in no wise according to Church Rule or Civil Law, and contrary to his Counsel to them touching their Determining which Way (as its termed) to sing; and had not however, orderly informed him of their Votes or Management thereupon, but yet being <u>he</u> (under Infirmities and indispositions of body) had not opposed them nor disturbed them in singing according to their own

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Choice, nor interposd in the matter of determining the <u>way</u>, but had only (in his own Office) appointed the Person to Read and set the Psalm and the Tune that Should be Sung; upon all those considerations, that Apprehension of Mr. Forbush, was to be thought Groundless. It was withal Signifyed to the Church that the abovesaid Meeting of the Town upon that Article of the Divine worship being <u>irregular</u> (if not to be punctually declared <u>sinfull</u>), all such Church Members as had directly an hand in it were reproofworthy (and were thereby reproved for it) — After this

It was again offered to the Church by the Pastor, that if there was (after what had been Said) any uneasiness (particularly directed to Brother Forbush), it was desired to be manifested — none at all being manifested, a Brief Exhortation to Love and unity followed — and when somewhat had been intimated touching the noncompletion as yet of the Contribution for Communion Vessels (voted sometime since) and its being the Reason why an Account had not been delivered to the Church of that Affair; and Last of all when the Pastor had informed that it had been by means of his long indisposition that the Question concerning the Ordination of Deacons had not been discussed — the Meeting was concluded with Prayer and the Benediction.

N.B. Brother <u>Thomas Forbush</u> mentioned a matter in the Church, wherein he accused his Brother <u>Jonathan Forush</u> and Brother <u>Tainter</u> with False speaking, but inasmuch as it was not orderly brought into the Church (no intimation having been made either to those Brethren or to the Pastor about it), an utter stop was put to it, and the offer of it (by Brother Th. F.) declared to be <u>unseasonable</u>.

Sacrament February 26. The Lord supper was administred to us; Care being first taken touching the Conduct of Brother Thomas <u>Forbes</u> at the last Church Meeting. The said Forbes requested the Pastor to acquaint the Church that they, namely he and his Brethren abovesaid (for note, that it was rather a misunderstanding and difference of Judgment than any falsehood on one side or t'other), had made up their Difference and

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Records. 27. were in Brotherly Love; that they, namely he and his Brother Jonathan, were Sorry for their Conduct, and particularly he would have them informed that he was for his unseasonable opening their Difference to the Church on their late meeting. The Churchs acceptance was manifested by their silence. April 11. The Lords Supper was administred. Sacrament 25. Charles, son of Charles and Rachel Rice, was baptized. May 2. Mehitabel, the Daughter of Peres and Lydia Rice, and Dorothy, the Daughter of Seth and Dorothy Rice, were baptized. 9. Ebenezer, Son of Thomas (junior) and Hannah Forbes; Hephzibah, Daughter of Edmund and Persis Baker; and Martha of Isaac (junior) and Jemima Tomlin were baptized. 23. The Lords Supper was administred. Sacrament And Timothy, Son of John (junior) and Bathsheba Pratt, was baptized. June 6th. I being at Hassenemisco, Sundry persons that had (by Sufficient Testimony) enjoyed Special Privileges in the Churches of Christ, requested Baptism for their Children and (having (privately) given them respectively a Charge and Exhortation Seriously to affect them Selves with what they were transacting), I complyed with their Desires, and accordingly Noah, the Son of [blank] Kidder; 12 Mary, the Daughter of Ezekiel Knowlton; and Mary, the Daughter of Thomas Fulton were baptized.]

27. Seth Rice and Dorothy his wife and Phebe (the wife of Simeon) Willard of

Simon) Tainter by virtue of a Dismission from the first Church of Waterton. Thaddeus, the

Hassinemisco were admitted into our Communion: as was also Rebecca (the wife of

son of Gershom and Hannah Fay was likewise Baptized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>The *Vital Records of Grafton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 1906), 78, include the baptisms of Benjamin, Hannah, and Mirriam, children of Joseph and Hannah Kidder, respectively on May 30, 1736; October 15, 1732; and May 8, 1737.

28. Church

Sacrament July 4. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred and John, the Son of James and Mary Maynard, was baptized.

25. Nahum, son of James and Sarah, Ball, and John, son of John Dantforth was (by the Rev. Mr. Cushing in my Absence) Baptized.

August 1. Jennet, Daughter of John and Margarett McCollister, was baptized. And <u>Ruth</u> (the wife of Increase) <u>Ward</u> was admitted into our Communion.

Sacrament \_\_\_\_\_ 15. The Sacrament was Administred.
P.M. Samuel, the Son of Samuel and Tabitha Hardy, was baptized.

Sacrament September 26. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred. And p.m. Lydia, the Daughter of Ebenezer and Mary Parkman, was baptized.

October 31. Sarah, the Daughter of Josiah and Ruhamah Newton; Ephraim, the son of Ephraim and Susanna Allen; and Mary, the Daughter of Eleazar junior and Sarah Bellows, were baptized.

Sacrament November 7. The Lords Supper was administred. And

Martin, the son of Jedidiah and Abigail How (who had in the late time of my illness and Absence been propounded at Marlborough and had owned the Covenant there and Submitted now to our Discipline), was baptized. This Same Day (November 7) I Stopped the Church to invite and Call upon them to Solemnize a Fast with the Association of Ministers in This place; for the Revival of Religion and obtaining a Blessing on the Rising Generation as had been Done in Congregations round about, and on the Sabbath following viz., November 14, The Congregation was invited also, and Earnestly called upon to attend the Same (This latter was done by Mr. Blunt who preached in my Room on that day) And accordingly on the

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17th. The Rev. Pastors etc. Associated and kept a Solemn Fast unto God. The Pastor of this Flock began with Earnest Supplication for the outpourings of the Divine Spirit, the Revival and Recovery of Religion among us, and for a Blessing on the Youth of the Place. The Rev. Mr. Loring preached a.m. on Hab. 3:2. The Rev. Mr. Prentice (of Lancaster) both prayed and preach'd p.m. His sermon was on Prov. 8:17.

Fast for Revival of Religion and a Blessing on young people.

And Oh that it may be a Fast that He has Chosen! Oh that our offerings might be pleasant to the Lord our God! And that the Great Designs of the Fast might be answered that we might fell and see an Happy Influence thereof upon our Selves and our Children!

December 12. Judah, Son of Beriah Rice, was baptized. And Jacob Rice and Hannah his wife were admitted into Church Fellowship. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

Elizabeth, the Daughter of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin, and Rebecca, the Daughter of Jacob and Hannah Rice, were baptized.

26. The Church was Stayed after the usual Exercises of the Lords Day, and a Letter from our Christian Friends in <u>Hassinemisco</u> requesting our countenance and Assistance at their Approaching Solemnities (of Ordination etc.).

Ordination at Hassenemisco

- 1. Voted a Compliance with their Request.
- 2. Voted that Two Persons accompany the Pastor in that Affair.
- 3. Voted that Deacon Fay be one.
- 4. Voted that Brother Thomas Newton be the other.

Then a Request of one of this Church, viz., James Cutler, to be dismissed from his particular Relation to this Church

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	30. <u>Ch</u>	<u>urch</u>	
		ns in laying the Foundation of a Church in that he Should be recommended to the work	
1732.	February 13, 1732. Josiah, the Son of John	and Hannah Fay, was baptized.	
	20. Joseph, son of Aaron and Heph	zibah Hardy, was Baptized.	
	27. Silas, Son of Jonathan and Abi Lydia Warrin, were baptiz'd.	gail Livermore, and Joseph, Son of Thomas and	
Sacrament	t March 12. The Sacrament of the Lords Su	pper administred.	
	April 9. Amos, Son of Nathaniel and Mar	y Whitney, was baptized.	
	16. Cornelius of Cornelius and Eur	tice Cook baptized	
	23. Dinah of David and Dinah Goo	denow baptized	
	May 7. Abigail, Daughter of [blank] and was Baptized.	Hannah Upham, 13 Member of Malden Church,	
Sacrament	t 14. Sacrament was administred.		
	21. Samuel, of Samuel and [blank]	Harrington baptized. <sup>14</sup>	
Sacrament	t July 9. The Lords Supper was administred Bradish, was baptized. Simeon Hayward baptized.	. And Joseph, son of James and Damaris own'd the Covenant and his Son Samuel was	
	23. Mary, daughter of Samuel and	Mary Gamel, was baptized.	
Church Meeting		ne Request of <u>Peres Rice</u> , who desir'd he might plead the <u>wton</u> had commenced against him in the Civil Law,	

<sup>13</sup>Not in Deloraine P. Corey, comp., *Births, Marriages and Deaths in the Town of Malden, Massachusetts, 1649-1850* (Cambridge, MA: At the University Press, 1903).

14Samuel, s. Samuel and Sarah Harrington, b. May 15, 1732; *Vital Records of Westborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 1903), 60, hereafter abbreviated as WVR.

After Prayer The Request was opened to the Church and in answer <u>Josiah Newton</u> produced a Coppy of what had been transacted in the Justice's Court and Sign'd by <u>Nahum Ward</u> Esquire, the said justice before whom it had been heard. Upon our attempt to hear the Cause it was found that the witnesses Sworn and improved in the Justice's Court were not at meeting.

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The Church waited Some time and debated the Matter whether it Should be now heard or No — and it was resolved to put off the hearing till all the witnesses might be present — whereupon the meeting was adjourn'd to this Day Sennight and So were dismissed with Prayer and Blessing.

17th. The Church met and after Supplication entered again into the forementioned Debate And witnesses were brought by Rice for his defense against Newton — and long and Tedious Debates followed and continued late into the Evening but nevertheless Recessless — and we were obliged to adjourn to Monday come Fortnight.

September 4. The Church met together again upon Adjournment to Consider further the Case of Peres Rice. The Debates were renew'd (Supplication having been first attended), And upon the whole hearing of the Case, illustrated by all Partys, Witnesses and Circumstances, the Church appeared of the mind that Charity might be extended towards our Brother as to his Intentions, that they were not with perverse Design to Deceive, but that his Expressions were not well Conducted. And upon his making (a written) acknowledgment to that effect he was restored. The Votes were 12 against and 6 for his Acceptance and restoration.

September 17. Mary <u>Beton</u> entered into the Christian Profession, and was baptized. And <u>Isaac</u>, son of Isaac and Jemima <u>Tomlin</u>, was likewise baptized.

24. Mary, daughter of Daniel Warrin, was baptized.

October 1. Eunice Flagg, by virtue of a Dismission from West-Waterton, was admitted

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	32. <u>Church</u>		
Sacrament	into the Church. On the same Day the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred.		
	October 22. Sarah of Eliezer and Hannah Beeman baptized.		
	29. Sarah of Thomas Bruce was baptized.		
	November 5. Abner, Son of Charles and Rachel Rice; Sarah, Daughter of Samuel junior and Deliverance Fay, baptized.		
Sacrament	12. Lords Supper administred.		
	December 31. Betty, Daughter of William and Mary Holloway, and Lois, Daughter of Jacob and Hannah Rice, Baptized.		
1733.	January 14. Solomon, Son of James and Sarah Miller, Baptized.		
	February 18. Joshua, son of Simon and Rebecca Tainter, was baptized.		
Sacrament	March 4. Sacrament was administred.		
	March 11. Asaph, son of Beriah Rice, baptized.		
	15. Catechiz'd at the Meeting House. Catechisings had been attended all along in every Year hitherto, although the Record of them had been neglected hitherto.		
	18. Jemima of Nathan and Mary Ball; Samuel of John and Bathsheba Pratt, baptized.		
	April 1. Abigail of James and Mary Maynard Baptized.		
	8. Seth of Nathaniel and Tabitha Oake, baptized.		
Sacrament	15. The Lords Supper administred.		
	29. Lemuel, of Eleazar Junior and Hephzibah How of Marlborough, Baptized, she being a member of the Church of Christ in Marlborough.		
	May 6. Joel of Josiah and Thankfull Rice Baptized		
Sacrament	May 27. The Sacrament administred.		
	June 7. Catechized at the Meeting House.		

	10. Hephzibah, of Thomas Junior and Hannah Forbush, Baptized.
	17. Thomas, of Aaron and Susanna Forbush, Baptized.
	24. William, son of William and Sarah Pierce (they having ownd the Covenant in Hopkinton), was Baptized.
Sacrament	July 15. Sacrament Administred.
	Elizabeth, Daughter of John and Rebecca Hicks; James, Son of Samuel and [blank] Ferguson Baptized.
	16. Catechized at the Meeting house.
	August 26. Mercy (wife of Joshua) Dowsing or Townsend was admitted into Church Fellowship with us.
Sacrament	September 2. The Lords Supper was Administred. And on the Same day Hephzibah, the Daughter of Jonathan and Eunice Flagg, was baptized.

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October 21. <u>Ruhamah</u> (wife of <u>Eleazar</u>) Pratt (within the Bounds of Shrewsbury) was admitted into our Communion as was John Graves, being <u>dismiss'd</u> or recommended from the East Church in Sudbury

The Sacrament was administred. And Barnabas, Son of Josiah and Ruhamah Newton, and Lucy, Daughter of Thomas and Sarah Bruce, were baptized.

November 11. Stephen, of Cornelius and Eunice Cook baptized.

December 3. Asher of Asher and [blank] Rice, baptized. 15

9. The Sacrament of the Supper was Administred.

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- 10. Catechized at the Meeting house.
- 20. Silas, Son of (Zebadiah and) Thankfull Smith, was baptized.

January 6. Francis Whipple and Abigail his Wife being dismissed from the particular Relation in which they Stood to the Third Church of Christ in Ipswich, were admitted into our Communion.

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- 27. Sarah, of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin; Jedidiah of Jedidiah and Abigail How baptized.
- February 3. Abner Newton and Vashti his wife having offered a Confession of their breaking the 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment were restored, and they ownd the Covenant.

March 19. The Church came together upon Diverse Affairs and Causes, as particularly

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- (1. Brother Peres Rice desired a Dismission to the Church of Sutton And he being present the Church required him to give an Account of his abstaining Several Sacraments from our Communion, before they would proceed to Dismiss him and recommend him. But when he had given Satisfaction in that Point his Desire was complyed with.
- (2. Sister Tabitha Fay's Case was laid before the Church's Consideration She having been absent from Communion for a Year or Two, or more being with held by her husband, Mr. Samuel Fay, on account of our Singing: It was also referred to Consideration whether the Church ought not to fulfill their Duty towards the Said Samuel Fay and Daughter Tabitha Members of the Church in Marlborough, and though residing with us yet

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>Asher, s. Asher and Tabitha Rice, b. Nov. 15, 1733; WVR, 87.

abstaining Year after Year from Communion with us. The Church Voted that a Committee from the Church Should

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be Sent to the Said Family to Labour with them for a Composition, especially to express the Watch and Care of the church over our Sister Mrs. Fay. The Committee appointed and Sent were Deacon Tomlin, Brother Jonathan Forbes and Brother Joseph Wheeler.

- (3. Brother John Green's Case and his Desire of a Dismission now he is gone to dwell at Brookfield, was laid before the Church. Agreed that it be referred to Consideration and Advice upon it.
- (4. The Case of Sister Rebecca Byles, who had been prosecuted for Defaming John Hicks (member of the Church of Cambridge) before Nahum Ward Esq. And the Case of her Brother Thomas Furbush, who together with his Sister Byles were prosecuted before the Same Justice for Speaking falsely of the Said Hicks words while at the foresaid Justice's house In which Cases they were both Cast and Judgment went against them before Mr. Justice Ward, but appeald from the Sentence: However they Saw Meet to Agree before the time of the Court, and were now brought before the Church. And Each of 'em made Such acknowledgments (especially Sister Byles so Freely) as that the Church Voted their Acceptance of and restored them to their Charity.

After Earnest Exhortation to great Care and Watchfulness — Strong Caution against Reproaching one another — against passionateness and unsuitable Expressions etc. —the Church was Dismissed.

March 24. Eliphalet, of Thomas and Lydia Warrin baptized.

31. Sacrament administred.

Lydia, of James and Sarah Ball, and Solomon, of Samuel junior and Deliverance Fay baptized.

April 14. Samuel, of John and Margaret McAlaster (or McCollister) baptized.

21. Sarah, of Abner and Vashti Newton, baptized

May 5. Deborah, Sarah, Hannah and Submitt Ward, Daughters of Oliver Ward, having given their Solemn Consent to the Covenant, were baptized as were likewise Elizabeth, of Edward Baker, and Hannah, of Ephraim and Susanna Allen.

June 9. Lucy, of Nat. and Mary Whitney; Thomas, of Samuel and Tabitha Hardy; John of (John) and Jemima Caruth baptized.

16. Sarah, the Wife of Thomas Bruce, was admitted into our Communion.

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June 23. Jemima, the wife of David Maynard junior was admitted into our Fellowshi were likewise Jonathan Whipple and Frances his wife, and Mary Wright (one of their Family) being dismissed from the Third Church in Ipswich.  The Same Day the Lords Supper was administred — And Palatiah, Son of Palatiah and Sarah Rice, (who had own'd the Covenant at Marlborough), Hephzibah, daughter of Aaron and Hephzibah Hardy; Jonathan, Son William and Sarah Pierce, and Dinah, Daughter of Gershom and Hannah Fay, were baptized.	Sacrament
24. Catechized at the Meeting House.	
July 14. Abigail, of Francis and Abigail Whipple baptized.	
28. John, of Isaac and Jemima Tomlin, and Sarah, of Seth and Dorothy Rice baptized.	
Lieutenant <u>Forbush</u> having given an Acknowledgment for his Behaviour on the Lord May 3, 1730, was accepted and restor'd.	s Day,
August 4. The Lords Supper was Administred. Rebekah of William and Rebecca Nurse was baptized.	Sacrament
11. Abigail and Samuel, of Samuel Furbush, baptized, no objection being madagainst it.	le
18. [blank], Son of Simeon and Rebekah Howard; Rebekah, Daughter of Jona and Abigail Livermore, Baptized by Mr. Cushing in my Absence.	athan
[N.B. I baptized at Shrewsbury Larkin, son of Thomas and Mary Green, and Thomas of John and [blank] Willson. 16]	s, son
September 1. Uriah, of Joseph and [blank] Witherby, they having enjoyed privilege i Southborough, baptized. <sup>17</sup>	n
19. After Lecture the Brethren were stayed and	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>No birth in the Vital Records of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849

<sup>(</sup>Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 1904).

17 Uriah, s. Joseph and Unity Witherbee, b. Aug. 14, 1734; *Vital Records of Southborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 103), 84.

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The Request of Eleazar Bellows and his Wife to be dismissed to <u>Southborough</u> was complyed with and they were accordingly Dismissed.

Concerning sister Rebecca Byles, who had withdrawn from the Communion for some time, but now desired to approach, the Church manifested that they were willing She Should come to the Communion upon Condition She manifested that the Difference between her and John Hicks, aforesaid, was made up and that they were reconcild.

Sacrament

September 22. The Churh was informed that all Difference that had been between any persons that desired to approach (without mentioning any names, as was agreed on Lecture Day) was made up. Then the Communion was Celebrated — and on the same Day Alpheus, of Abner and Vashti Newton was baptizd.

September 29. Lucy, Daughter of Ebenezer and Mary Parkman, was baptized.

October 20. Jonathan, of Daniel and Mary Warrin; Hannah, of Jacob and Hannah Rice; and Zerviah, of Thomas and Sarah Bruce baptized.

November 3. Mary (wife of Josiah) <u>Walker</u>, but formerly <u>Shattuck</u>, a member of our Church, having for Several Years lived in the Neglect of the Ordinance of Baptism (by means of the Specious Temptation of hopes to have her Husband come with her to it) contrary to the Bonds of our holy Covenant, came and humbly asked forgiveness of the Church, which was freely granted.

#### Sacrament

- 10. The Lords Supper was administred.
- Hephzibah, the wife of Aaron Hardy; and Sarah Bradish (her sister) were admitted into the Church.
- 24. Josiah Walker own'd the Covenant and Phebe, daughter, and Timothy, son of the Said Josiah and of Mary Walker, were baptized.

December 8. Thomas, Son of Noah and Hannah Rice baptized.

1735. January 5. Lavinia, of William and Mary Holloway baptized.

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January 12. Mary, Daughter of (Eleazar and) Ruhamah Pratt, was baptized.	
19. Mary Greaves was baptizd.	
26. Abigail, of Daniel and Vashti Hardy, baptized. And Rebecca Tainter j (Daughter of Simon and Rebecca Tainter) was admitted into Church Fellowship.	
February 16. Samuel and Deborah Grow admitted into the Church.	
23. Sacrament administred — And Timothy, of Beriah Rice baptized.	Sacrament
February 24. Catechizing at the Meeting House.	
March 2. Olive, of James and Mary Maynard, and Jonathan, of Jonathan and Lyd Goodenow, baptized.	lia
16. James, of James and Lydia Fay, baptized.	
23. Silas, of Josiah and Mary Walker, baptized.	
Apr: 6. Dorothy, of Joseph and Dorothy Thurston, baptized.	
April 13. Sacrament administred — appointed the Catechizing to be on the 15 to north side of the Town.	be on the Sacrament
May 4. Eunice of Cornelius and Eunice Cooke, and Jane of Thomas and Sarah B (who had own'd the Covenant at Concord), baptized.	illings
18. Thomas Goodenow and Persis his wife owned the Covenant and Persis Daughter, was baptized. The same Day Aaron Hardy and Abigail (Daughter of Jo Forbush were admitted into full Communion.	
25. Sacrament Administred.	Sacrament
June 5. Catechized at the Meeting house. Males a.m. Females p.m.	
8. Elizabeth, of Thomas junior and Hannah Forbush, baptized.	
July 13. The Sacrament was administred.	Sacrament

20. Josiah Bowker and Hazadiah his wife made their Confession and Humiliation for violating the 7th Commandment and were restored and ownd the Covenant.

27. Joshua Townsend made Profession of Christianity, was admitted into the Catholic Church and was baptized. He was also admitted into our Communion.

John [*illegible*] and Hannah Liscomb (heretofore Fay, wife of [*illegible*] Fay junior deceased)<sup>18</sup> and Mehetable Cutler wife of James Cutler having all Three requested Dismissions by means of their being removed away from this Town, their Request

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>John Fay, Jr. (1700-1732) m. Hannah Child, April 17, 1721 (Marlborough VR, 250). She m. widower Samuel Liscomb of Southborough, Mar. 7, 1734; *WVR*, 78).

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	1 3	e recommended, the first to the Church of Brookfield, brough, the last to the Church of Grafton.	
	August 10. Ithamar and Mary Bellov	ws were admitted into this Church.	
	17. Susanna, of Aaron and Su Mercy Townsend, were baptized.	sanna Forbush, and Joshua and Samuel, of Joshua and	
Sacrament	24. The Lords Supper was ad	ministred.	
	28. Catechizing on the North	Side of Town.	
	31. David, of David and Din Hazadiah Bowker baptized.	ah Goodenow, Antipas and Hazadiah of Joseph and	
	Sept: 14. Joshua, of John and Rebec	ca Hicks, and Tabitha, of Asher Rice baptized.	
Sacrament	October 5. Sacrament. Daniel Forbu Stephen, of Josiah and Ruhamah Ne	sh was admitted into our Communion. wton, baptized	
	October 9. Catechizing		
	October 12. Samuel, of Samuel junio	or and Deliverance Fay, baptized.	
	19. Abigail, Daughter of Jose	ph and Kath. Josline, baptized.	
	26. Azuba, Daughter of Josia Absence).	h and Thankful Rice, baptized (by Mr. Cushing, in my	
		rtha his wife (latter of Waterton) offered (to olating the 7th Commandment and owned the	
	9. Abigail, of Daniel and Abi	gail Forbush, baptized.	
	16. Martha, of Daniel and Ma	artha Warrin, baptized.	
	Scandalous and Calumniating Natur (some time since) to Search out who	onfession for having composed a paper of Verses of a e respecting the Committee appointed by the Town it was Cut the Pulpit Cusheon, and tending to defame – but there was some objection made by Several	

against reading Said Confession to Day, but the Church more generally insisting for it, and the chief objectors yielding, it was read and she was restored.

27. Being Lecture Day Brother Jonathan Forbush offered an acknowledgment to the Church for having inserted some unsuitable Expressions in the Resentments he Composed in answer

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to the injurious and defaming Verses before mentioned (he being one of the Committee aforesaid), and although he knew not the Author of Said Verses at the time of his answering them yet afterwards when he came to the knowledge thereof and perceived his own Miscarriage, he made her Satisfaction; and being it was known to divers more who were offended therewith he freely and humbly offered public Satisfaction also, and was accepted.

November 30. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred — and Sarah, of James and Sarah Miller was baptized.

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December 1. Catechizing at the Meeting House, the Males came in the forenoon, the Females in the Afternoon.

January 26. Caleb, of Jedidiah and Abigail How, and Thaddeus, of Daniel (Watert.) 1736. and Martha Warrin baptized.

February 22. Vashti (the Wife of Aber) Newton, was admitted into full Communion.

February 26. The Brethren of the Church were Stopped to be acquainted that there were some proposals about the Consociation of the Churches of the County of Worcester. They were read and referred to [Consideration?].

That the Children of the Covenant Should be looked upon as under the Church's Watch and Discipline.

That the Article of Formal Relations should be rectifyed.

That there were several Books presented to the Church — i.e., Mr. Whites Lamentations and Mr. Clarks (Salem Village) Piece on Baptism of Infants.

29. Hannah the wife of Noah Rice was admitted into full Communion and The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred.

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March 7. Stephen, of James and Sarah, Ball, baptized

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. Jonathan, of Jonathan and Eunice Flagg, baptized

April 1 (being General Fast). Abigail, of Eleazar and Hannah Beeman; Phinehas, of Thomas and Sarah Bruce; and Josiah, of Josiah and Hassadiah Bowker, were baptized.

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1736.	1 .	[k] Grout <sup>19</sup> (members of the Church in East Gamel, were (by Rev. Cushing in my Absence)
	11. Simeon, of Simeon and Rebea	cca Hayward baptized
Church Meeting	Consociation in the County of Worcester and so weighty might still lye for more mature contained in a Letter from the Church of had refused to join with them and come dismissed from us therefor) for some Sp pray may be required of him by the Church satisfaction with them that they may be [illegible] reproaching either them Selver Reasons. The Church of Westborough volume Letter, a Line should be sent to our said. The Last Article was, the Practice the Paforbidding both parties to approach to Sp	ount of <u>First</u> the Proposal, respecting a er; but it was desired that this matter, so New re Consideration. The <u>Second</u> Affair was <u>Sutton</u> , Setting forth that our Brother <u>Peres Rice</u> under their Watch and Discipline, though ecial Reasons (as he Suggests) which Reasons they reh in <u>Westborough</u> , and sent to them as our satisfyed that there is nothing reflecting or es or any of their Members, in said Special oted, that in Compliance with the Request of Said Brother <u>Rice</u> desiring or requiring those Reasons. astor had (as occasion required) gone into of pecial Ordinances when Complaint has been till the matter can be laid before the Church; which ed by their (Silential) vote.
Sacrament	18. The Lords Supper was admin	istred. [And?]
	Seth, of Ithamar and Mercy Bellows was	s baptized.

May 9. Silas, of Isaac (junior) and Jemima Tomlin baptized

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>Daniel, s. Joseph and Mary Grout, b. Mar. 21, 1736; WVR 55.

1. At the Request of the church in Rutland that

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May 16. Samuel, of Simon and Rebecca T Thomas and Persis Goodenow, baptized	Cainter; Ruth, of Seth and Dorothy Rice; Lu	cy, of
Ebenezer Chamberlain (this Last person d	on Forbush, Ruth (wife of Stephen) Fay, and ismissed from the Church of Christ in New lthough it was Lecture Day yet there having occasioned it, the Church manifested their	ton)
instrumental in uttering forth, divers <u>verse</u> Committee which the Town had improve	Confession for his writing and so being s to the Defamation and Reproach of the to search out who Cut the Pulpit Cusheon, a November 23, 1735. Pag. 38. This Confess	
Sarah Billing (wife of Thomas Billing) wa	as admitted into Church Fellowship.	
The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was a and <u>Adam</u> , son of Gershom and Hannah F		Sacrament
13. Sarah, of Samuel and Tabitha H Comfort, of Jonathan and Judith Bellows I	lardy; Abner, of Jonas and Elizabeth Warri baptized by Rev. Mr. Barrett.	n;
29. The Church came together upon	n these following Matters and Requests:	Council at Rutland

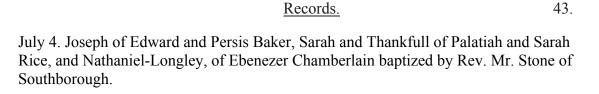
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we would meet on July 13 with other Churches which they had Sent to, that as an Ecclesiastical Council we might advise and Direct them under their grievous Difficultys. Our Church Voted Compliance with their Request and that Brother Joseph Wheeler be the Delegate of this Church to go with the Pastor upon the Said Occasion.

2. At the Request of Eleven Brethren who desired our Brother Peres Rice might be called to account and to give his Reasons why he did not Joyne to the Church of Christ in Sutton. Secondly to reconsider that Vote which our Church did pass Some time agoe in the Dismission of our Brother Peres Rice in the Circumstances that he was then in. The said request bore Date June 11, 1736, and was Signed by Josiah Newton, Joshua Townsend, Thomas Newton, Francis Whipple for the first Article, Samuel Fay junior, David Maynard, Edward Baker, James Ball, John Pratt, Jonathan Forbush, John Graves. And N.B. Brother Rice now present.

### Upon this Matter the Church voted

- 1. Satisfaction with the Reasons which Brother Peres Rice has now given in, and that it Should be represented to the Church of Sutton, that we are Satisfyed -
- Voted, 2. A Confirmation of that vote of the Church (Passed March 19, 1734) Whereby Brother Peres Rice was dimsissed to Sutton, and likewise Satisfaction upon the Answers which Brother Rice has given about the Article of the Neglect of the Baptism of one of his Children amongst us.
- N.B. The first of these votes (of Satisfaction with Brother Rice's Reasons etc.) Stands good upon Condition that Brother Rice do join himself to Sutton Church in Case he finds that he abides in that Town; or keep the Same <u>Church Order</u> in Case he removes otherwhere.



11. Eliezer Rice and Hezekiah Pratt owned the Covenant and Eleazar How (of Marlborough), Rachel (wife of Hezekiah) Pratt, Persis (wife of Eliezer) Rice, and Silas and Mindwell Brigham were admitted into Church Fellowship.

The same Day also Dinah and Silas, of Eliezer and Persis Rice, and Rachel, of Hezekiah and Rachel Pratt, baptized.

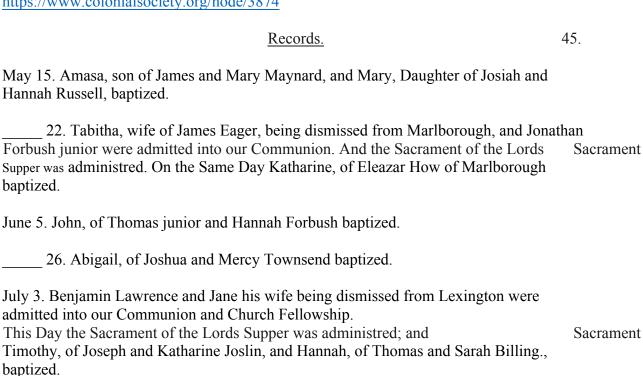
18. Josiah Russell and Mercy his wife offered Confessions of the Sin of Violating the 7th Commandment and were restored and they were likewise admitted into our Communion: as were

Noah Rice and Stephen Fay, at the Same Time. Then the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred.

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- August 15. Jesse Brigham and Bethiah his wife ownd the Covenant and the Same Day Nathan of Jonathan and Abigail Livermore; Timothy of Jesse and Bethiah Brigham; Mary and Martha of Thomas and Lydia Warrin; and John of Stephen and Ruth Fay, baptized.
- 29. John Danforth and Anna Rice were admitted into our Communion and Sacrament the Same Day the Sacrament of the Lords supper was administred.
- September 5. Hannah and Josiah, of Josiah and Mercy Russell, were baptized
  - 12. Francis, of Benjamin and Elizabeth Winchester, baptized.

44. Church October 10. Mary (the Wife of Beriah) Rice, and Patience (Daughter of Jonathan) Forbush were Sacrament admitted into full Communion; and the Same Day the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred. 24. Isaac, the son of John and Margaret McAllister; John, the son of Jacob and Hannah Rice, baptized Sacrament November 21. December 12. Priscilla, of William and Rebecca Nurse, baptized 1737. February 13. Rebecca, of Daniel and Mary Warrin 27. Sacrament Administred — Sacrament and Joseph son of John and Rebecca Hicks baptized March 6. Mehetabel, of James and Lydia Fay baptized 20. Stephen, of Beriah and Mary Rice baptized 27. Sarah, of Eleazar and Ruhamah Pratt (of Shrewsbury) baptized. April 3. Jemima, of William and Mary Holloway, and Jemima, of Silas and Mindwell Brigham baptized by Rev. Mr. Prentice of Grafton. 10. Martha Thurston dismiss'd to Uxbridge. Hephzibah Maynard, being dismissed from Marlborough, was admitted; and Sacrament the Lords Supper administred. 17. Hannah, of Josiah and Ruhamah Newton; and Mary, of Ithamar and Mary Bellows baptized 18. Ebenezer, of John and Bathsheba Pratt, baptized in their own House; the Child being dangerously ill. May 8. Susanna, of Samuel junior and Deliverance Fay; Mary, of Jonathan and Lydia Goodenow; Thomas, of Cornelius and Eunice Cook; Jonas, of Stephen and Ruth Fay baptized by Rev. Mr. Cushing of Shrewsbury.



17. Mary (otherwise Thankfull) Latiny, a Child Committed by the Select Men to the Care of Simon Tainter and his wife; and Stephen Southward, a Child committed by the parent thereof, who dwells many miles distant, to the Care of Noah and Hannah Rice; were baptized — though not till each matter had been a week propounded, and again laid before the Church and Congregation.

August 18. The Church being stoppd after Lecture, and prayer made,

Voted 1. To have but one more Deacon at present.

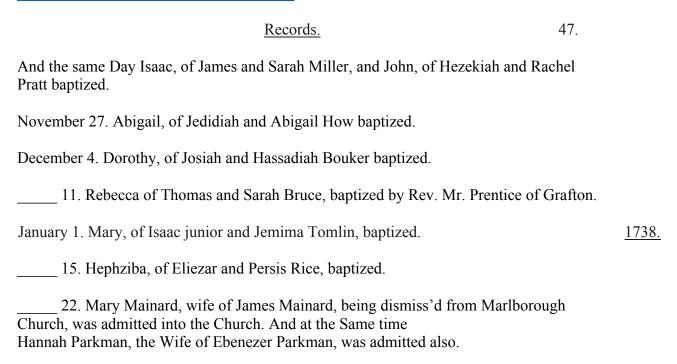
- 2. That a Vote which must determine the Choice of a Church Officer shall be from the Majority of Voters, and not because a person has the most Votes of those that are Voted for.
- 3. Brother Josiah Newton chosen Deacon by

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	the majority of all the Votes.	
Sacrament	After prayer the Church was dismissed.	
	August 21. The Sacrament of the Lords S Jonathan, son of Josiah and Mary Walke	11
	28. <u>Abner</u> , of Francis and Abigail	Whipple baptized
	•	Kezia Oake baptized, and (after some account elay of it and their Sorrow for their Neglect) Love,
	have the Privilege of Baptism for a Child Church and Congregation that he would	the Church of Hopkinton, requested he might he had taken to bring up, promising before the take Care of the Education of it in the Fear and no objection (although propounded a Sabbath d Ebenezer.
	25. Abigail of Benjamin and Jane	Lawrence baptized
Sacrament	October 2. The Sacrament was Administ	red.
	16. Zeruiah, of Joseph Thurston b	paptized.
	November 6. Jemima, of David Maynard [blank] of John and [blank] Caruth baptis	I junior; Abner, of Abner and Vashti Newton; zed by Rev. Nathan Stone. <sup>20</sup>
	13. Richard and [blank] Tozer ow Elizabeth, their Children, were baptized.	ned the Covenant, and Richard, Hannah and
	And Seth, of Seth and Dorothy Rice bap	tized also.
Sacrament	20. The Lords Supper Administre	d.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>Jemima Caruth was the mother; the child's name is unknown; *WVR*, 30. <sup>21</sup>Richard and Elizabeth Tozer were the parents; *WVR*, 98.

February 26. Aaron, of Aaron and Heph. Hardy, baptized.



March 2. After Lecture the Church was Stopd to receive the Answer of Brother <u>Josiah</u> <u>Newton</u>, respecting the Church Vote of him to be a Deacon of this Church. And his <u>Answer was in the Negative</u>. Upon which it was recommended that the Church would take Thought of another Choice. Again, the Church received the Return of the Committee which had been Sent to Brother Samuel <u>Fay</u> — but their Return was not unanimously drawn up; And whilst the Church was debating, it was Suggested by one and another that it would be very advisable to Send to Mr. Fay again, there being still

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Some remains of Hope. Upon This the Church presently agreed to Send another Committee, and the Persons Voted for were Ensign Thomas Forbush, Brother Jonathan Whipple, and Brother Seth Rice.

Sacrament March 5. The Lords Supper was administred, and Mehetabel, of David and Dinah Goodenow baptized

- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Elisha, of Daniel and Abigail Forbush, baptized
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Aaron, of Joseph and [blank] Whitherby<sup>22</sup> and Thomas, of Thomas and Persis Goodenow baptized
- 26. Abigail, of Samuel Gamel baptized

April 2. Zebulon Rice ownd the Covenant and Ann, of Benjamin and Elizabeth Winchester; Joseph, of Samuell and Elizabeth Harrington; and Persis, of Zebulon and Abigail Rice baptized

Sacrament

16. Mercy Rogers, wife of William Rogers, was admitted into the Church. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper administred and <u>Joseph</u>, the son of Martin Pratt, whose wife was a member of the Church of Hopkinton, was baptized.

Church Meeting to Choose More Deacons 19. After Association Lecture, the Church was stopted according to appointment.

The Beginning of the 6th Chapter of Acts read and Some observations were made upon it; and then Votes for a Deacon were calld for. And The Majority was for Brother <u>Thomas Forbush</u>. This being despatchd, the Choice of another Deacon was proposd, and Complyed with. Voted that Deacon Fay be appointed by the Pastor of the Church to receive the votes of the Church for another Deacon, during his Absence to be with the Association then at

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>Mother's name not in WVR.

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his House.

Voted, that Brother <u>Seth Rice</u> be the other Deacon. Then the Church were dismissed with Prayer and Blessing.

April 30. William Caruth ownd the Covenant and Ebenezer, of Simeon and Rebecca Howard; Joseph, of William and Margaret Caruth baptized.

May 21. Thomas, of Jonathan and Abigail Livermore; Anna, of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin baptized.

25. After Lecture the Church was Stayd to recieve [sic] the Answers of the Two Brethren who had been elected Deacons — and their Answer being in the Negative — after Some Considerable Debate upon whether the Church Should accept and be Satisfyed with their Answers or whether we Should proceed to new Elections, the Meeting was adjournd to This Day fortnight, 2 Clock p.m.

the elected Deacons answer in the Negative.

28. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

June 4. Lavinia, of Edward and Persis Baker, baptized

8. This Day the Church, according to appointment, came together upon the Articles of choosing Deacons, and the Conduct of Mr. Samuel Fay in keeping from our Communion himself, and with holding his Wife therefrom also, altho he had permitted her to bind herself thereto by Solemn Covenant.

Church Meeting choose more Deacons.

Upon the first affair Votes were calld for and Brother <u>Jonathan Forbush</u> was chosen. Again votes were calld for, for another Deacon, and Brother <u>Josiah Newton</u> was chosen.

The former of these was not at Meeting.

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The latter of them being askd whether he would have the Time to Consider of it, returnd answer that the Matter, not being New to him, for the Case was not as if he had never been chosen before, and having represented heretofore to the Church his insufficiency, he must now, upon their Seeing meet to choose him again, earnestly entreat that they would have compassion on him, and pray fervently for him; both they that had voted for him and likewise they that had not; because otherwise they would not Shew that they acquiesced and fell in with what the Hand of God had done — or to this purpose.

It was then asked whether anyone had any Thing material to object either against the proceedings of the Church at this Time, or against the persons whom the Church had selected to be their Deacons. None being manifested we proceeded to the other Affair Scil: respecting Mr. Samuel Fay. The Committee appointed to treat with him were desird to speak, and Mr. Jonathan Whipple answered that there had been no opportunity to confer with him by means of his Absence at New-Medfield. For Several Reasons offered the matter was further wav'd and deferrd and our Committee Requested to improve the first opportunity that in providence Should be presented, to treat with him.

As the Church meeting was opend with prayer, so it was concluded with it, and the Blessing.

July 9. <u>Daniel Stone</u> and his wife, having owned the Covenant at Hopkinton, asked for Privilege among us; and according to their Request <u>Benjamin</u>, their son was baptized. The Same Day <u>Mary Bruce</u> junior (Daughter of Abijah and Mary Bruce) was admitted into the Church.

Church Meeting to receive Brother Forbush's Answer 13. The Church was detaind after Lecture to receive the <u>Answer of Brother Jonathan Forbush</u> to the Church who had Elected him to be a Deacon. Among other Things delivered it was percievd [*sic*] that by being Absent at the Time of the Choice he was not able so well to Judge of the minds of the Brethren and so of the Call which he had to the office; and therefore for his Satisfaction, it was desird that if the Church abode by their Choice, and were willing to confirm it of Brother <u>Forbush</u> etc. they would manifest it, which they did <u>all</u> but one; and <u>he</u> was desir'd to Speak if he had ought to Object but he did not; but acquiesced in what was done. Upon this Brother Forbush accepted of the Choice.

The Affair of Mr. Samuel Fay was Likewise mentioned

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to the Church, and the Commmittee who had been Sent to him were desird to give their Return, which was that he remaind unalter'd — except that he desird to See and Speak with the Pastor of this Church; who immediately manifested a readiness to gratifie him therein. Upon which the Church were dismissd.

16. The Lords Supper was administred.

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30. John, of James and Sarah Ball, and Mary, of Ebenezer Chamberlain baptized

August 27. Capt. Daniel Warrin and Mary his Wife were admitted into the Church and the Same Day

The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred.

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September 28. The Pastor being calld to minister to the Infant Child of <u>Nathaniel</u> and <u>Kezia Oake</u>, he went and found the Child so ill and weak that it was apparently in great Danger of Death; The distress

d Parents were hereupon very desirous that the Ordinance of Baptism might be administred to it: And they took the Pains to notifie the Familys of that Neighbourhood as many as they could, who came together to the Number of Twenty or More. The Case being so extraordinary and the Church Members who were together heartily agreeing and Consenting thereto, after an Introductory Speech on this occasion, and a particular address to and Demand from the Parents, we proceeded to Prayer and to the administration. It was baptized by the Name of Ebenezer: after which a part of a Psalm was Sung and we concluded with the Blessing.

October 12. The Church was Stopd after Lecture. Deacon Forbush requested that the Church would direct what they would have done with the <u>Fragments</u> after the Lords Supper; and Consider what would be best to be done respecting the Smallest sort of vessells, which we usd at Communion, whether it would not be best to Change 'em for Larger; and whether something ought not to be done concerning a Baptism Bason. Deacon Newton joind with Brother F. and offered also the Affair of

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Mr. <u>Samuel Fay</u> to be considered. But We first of all were led into the Consideration of this Latter article, by means of a Debate which arose, whether the Church had voted, or had any way Shewn their acceptance of the Return which the Committee to Mr. <u>Fay</u>, of which Deacon <u>Newton</u> was a member made to the Church. So much Time was taken up that we were necessitated to adjourn to this Day sennight.

Sacrament \_\_\_\_\_ 15. The Lords Supper was Administred.

Church meeting by adjournment

19. The Church came together by adjournment. The First Affair was the Request of the Deacons that the Church would give them their minds about the <u>Disposal of the Fragments</u> of the Elements after the Administration of the Lords Supper and in Answer thereto the Church Voted Unanimously that they would leave it to the Prudence and Fidelity of the Deacons.

The <u>Second</u> Article was that of the Vessels for the Communion Table; and Thereupon Voted That Two Tankards of the Middle Size be added to the Number of those Vessels.

The other Articles were wav'd and the Meeting was adjournd to This Day Fortnight, with Submission to Divine Providence.

Church meeting by adjournment

November 2. The Church met according to Adjournment. Mr. <u>Samuel Fay</u> had been notifyed of the Meeting and the Business of it and was desired to Attend or Communicate his mind or Reasons to the Church, but he neither came nor sent. After various Debates the Church came into the following Vote

1. That Mr. <u>Samuel Fay</u> hath So offended this Church as that they desire that in Case he should offer himself to special Ordinances among us by vertue of the Communion of Churches as heretofore he was wont, the Pastor of this Church <u>debarr</u>

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him therefrom. This is to be understood to be till Suitable Satisfaction be given the Church respecting his Conduct; or a regular Hearing of his Affair obtaind, where he more particularly Stands related. In order to which, and that this Church might acquit themselves in the Duty incumbent on them

The Church Voted again, That the Church of Christ in Marlborough be informd that 2. one of their Members had offended this Church, namely Mr. Samuel Fay; and that we were ready upon proper Occasion afforded to render our Reasons thereof.

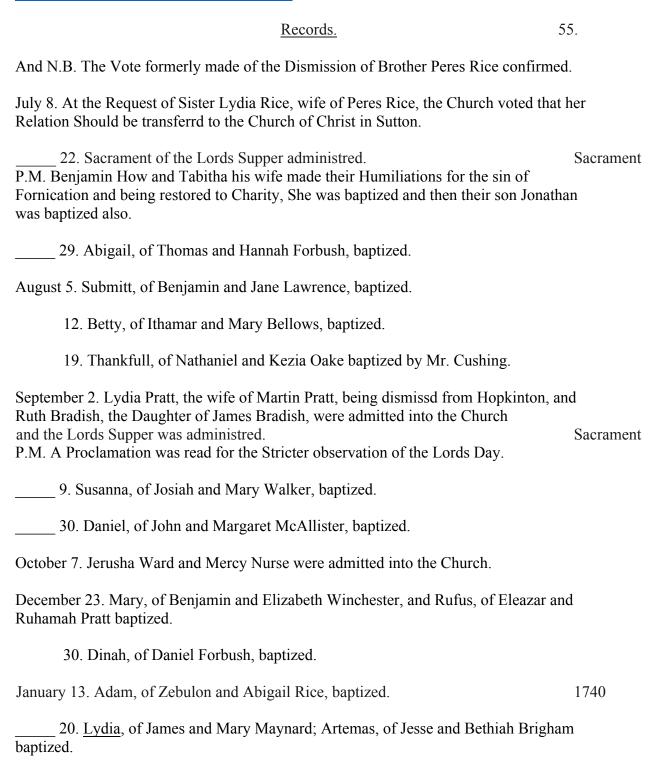
The Church came also into another Vote very unanimously and even universally respecting Church Vessels. Viz., That a Sufficient Contribution be made not only for Two more Tankards, but also for a <u>Baptism: Bason</u>. After Prayers the Church was dismissd.

November 26. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper administred. P.M. Mary, of John and Rebecca Hicks baptized

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December 17. The Church was Stopd after meeting on the request of Mr. <u>Samuel Fay</u>, brought by Ensign Thomas Forbush, to read to the Church an acknowledgment Signd by him of his offence in hindering his Wife from coming to our Communion; which accordingly was read; and the Church voted acceptance So far as respected that matter.

54. Church December 31. Elizabeth, Daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman, was baptized. 1739. January 20. At the Urgent Request of Brother Daniel Warrin, upon Consideration of the illness of his Child and there being a great Congregation of People, at his House on Occasion of his wife's Funeral, I baptized the Child by the name of Submitt. 21. Lucy, of Eleazar and Sarah Bellows baptized February 18. Lois, of Nathaniel and Mary Whitney; Mary, of James and Lydia Fay; Joseph, of Jonathan and Eunice Flagg baptized Sacrament March 4. The Lords Supper was administred. John, son of Josiah and Ruhamah Newton, baptized April 8. Solomon, of David and Ann Maynard, baptized Hannah, the Wife of Daniel Warrin junior (of Shrewsbury), was admitted into full Communion. Sacrament 15. The Lords Supper was administred. P.M. Mary, of Silas and Mindwell Brigham baptized. May 6. Benjamin, of Aaron and Hephz. Hardy, baptized 13. Reuben, son of Jonathan Judith Bellows, and Paul, of Cornelius Biglow, who had owned the Covenant at Grafton, baptized June 3. Ebenezer, of Jonathan and Lydia Goodenow; Mary, of Beriah and Mary Rice; and Susanna, of Thomas and Sarah Bruce, baptized 10. Benjamin Thurston Voted to be dismissd and recommended to the Church of Christ in Uxbridge. Sacrament The Sacrament of the Supper adminstered. 24. Katharine of Aaron and Susanna Forbush baptized July 1. Josiah, of Joshua and Mary Townsend baptized



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January 27. Daniel Warrin junior of Shrewsbury ownd the Covenant, and Daniel, his Son, was baptizd.

February 10. Lucy, of Thomas and Lydia Warrin, baptized.

Sacrament March 2. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper administred. And

Reuben, of James and Lydia Fay, and Sarah, of Francis and Abigail Whipple baptized.

30. Timothy Fay and Lydia his wife offered their Public Humiliations for their committing the sin of Fornication and were restord to Charity. They also ownd the Covenant.

Sacrament April 13. The Lords Supper was administred. Mary, of Thomas and Sarah Billing, baptized.

20. Abigail, of Daniel and Martha Warrin, baptized.

May 11. Rebecca, of Simeon and Rebecca Hayward, baptized.

22. The Church was Stopd after Lecture to see whether any Thing Should be done about the Ordination of Deacons. It was left to further Consideration.

Sacrament

25. The Lords Supper was administred.

John Rogers owned the Covenant.

Ephraim, the Son of John Baker (who had ownd the Covenant at Concord and whose wife was a Member of the Church of Christ in Cambridge), was baptized.

June 8. Jemima Caruth, dismissd from Lexington, was admitted into our Church.

Ezra, the son of Edward and Persis Baker, and Jonas, the Son of John and Jemima Caruth, baptized.

Ordination at Marl-

borough

A Letter from the Church of Marlborough requesting the Assistance of this Church by the Pastor and Delegates hereof in Ordaining Mr. Aaron Smith over them Read and Voted compliance with the Said Request.

Voted that Two be the Number of the Delegates. And

Voted that Deacon Fay and Deacon Forbush be the Persons to Serve upon that Occasion.

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- June 15. Ephraim, of Josiah and Hassadiah Bowker, baptized by Rev. Mr. Aaron Smith of Marlborough (being the first administration of a Special Ordinance which he ever performd).
- 22. Susanna, of John Rogers, baptized.
- July 13. Sacrament. Sacrament
- July 27. Susanna, of Jonathan and Abigail Livermore baptized.
- August 3. Lydia, of Joseph and Katharine Joslin, baptized.
  - 24. Sacrament was administred.

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- 31. Lydia, and Timothy, of Timothy and Lydia Fay, baptized.

  N.B. A Fast was appointed with the Advice of the Deacons of the Church and Select men of the Town, to be kept by this Church and Congregation on the account of the Sore Judgment of the Throat Distemper, and which accordingly was, on the 4th of September.
- September 14. <u>Elizabeth</u>, of Thomas and Persis Goodenow, and Mary, of William and Mary Caruth baptized.
- 21. Fortunatus, of Noah and Hannah Rice; Ezekiel, of Bezaleel and Sarah Smith (Members of the Church of Shrewsbury), baptized.
- October 5. Elizabeth, the wife of Samuel Harrington, was admitted into Church Fellowship.
  - 12. Sacrament of the Lords Supper administred. Benjamin, of John and Rebecca Hicks, baptized.

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- 19. Ebenezer, of Ebenezer Chamberlain, baptized.
- November 16. James Bradish junior admitted into the Church.
- 23. Matthias and Anna Rice were admitted into the Church and the Lords Sacrament supper was administred.
- January 4. Jacob, of Jacob and Hannah Rice, and Ruth, of Hezekiah and Rachel Pratt baptized. 1741.
- February 22. William, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman baptized.

March 8. This was by appointment to have been Communion Day, but the Church passd a Vote that by Reason of the unusual Difficulty of the season (and the Small Number present) the Administration of the Lords Supper Should be deferred untill the Next Lords Day.

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March 15. The Sacrament administred.

April 5. Rachel, of Josiah and Ruhamah Newton; Kezia, of Josiah and Thankfull Rice, and Paul, of Cornelius and Mary Biglow baptized

12. Elijah, of Jedidiah and Abigail How, and Elizabeth, of Benjamin and Jane Lawrence baptized.

Sacrament

26. The Lords Supper administred.

May 3. Eli, of Nathaniel and Mary Whitney; Sarah, of Beriah and Mary Rice baptized

May 31. Levi, of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin; David, of Gershom and Hannah Fay; and David, of David junior and Ann Maynard baptized

June 7. Ruth, of Stephen and Ruth Fay, baptized

28. David and Dinah Goodenow offered an acknowledgment to the Church for their Neglect of the Ordinance of Baptism, and of the public worship in General for which they freely askd forgiveness of God and of the Church. Upon which they were restord. And their son Jonathan was baptized.

There having been Complaint against <u>Cornelius Cook</u> for undue Conduct and Language; and no sufficient Methods improved as yet to transact this affair in the Church, his wife <u>Eunice</u> desird baptism for her Child and it was accordingly granted with express Mention that it was upon the Right of the Mother. The Name, Sarah.

July 26. Benjamin and Martha Fay were admitted into the Church -

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The Lords Supper was administred and Elizabeth, of Benjamin and Martha Fay, baptized

28. <u>Seth</u>, of Daniel junior and Hannah Warrin was baptiz'd. This was at the House of said Warrin, the Child being exceeding Week and feeble and in great Danger of Death. And a Number of the Members of Westborough and Shrewsbury Church were present, who were advising and concurring in the Administration. N.B. The Said Child dyd the next Day after it was baptizd.

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August 9. Lydia, of Eleazar and Sarah Bellows, baptized

September 3. The Church was Stopd after Lecture and passd the following Votes. Scil:

- 1. To Dismiss and recommend Hezekiah Ward to the Church of Southborough;
- 2. Aaron and Hephzibah Hardy to the Church of Grafton.
- 3. Compliance with the Request of the Second Church of Christ in <u>Hadley</u> to Send the Pastor and a Delegate or Delegates to meet and Sit in Council there upon their at Hadley Difficultys and Divisions.
- 4. That the Church send Two Delegates upon that Occasion.
- 5. That Deacon Newton be a Delegate.
- 6. That Brother Nathaniel Whitney be the other Delegate.
- 7. That the Affair of <u>Cornelius Cook</u> be brought before the Church at a Meeting for that purpose to be warnd on the Next Lords Day.

September 6. <u>Elizabeth</u> (Daughter of <u>Josiah</u>) Newton, Sarah <u>Shattuck</u> and <u>Suzanna</u> (daughter of <u>Simon</u>) <u>Tainter</u> were admitted into the Church and the Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament The same Day Mary (heretofore <u>Bruce</u>, now) Tainter wife of Simon Tainter junior, was dismissd to the Church of Grafton.

At Eve The Church was warnd to come together on the next Friday at two of the clock p.m. on the Affair of Cornelius Cook.

September 11. The Church met upon the Affair of <u>Cornelius Cook</u>. After prayer, Enquiry was made concerning Said Cause: And the Person being there present, it was testified by Two of the Members of the Church, viz., Abijah Bruce and Joshua Townsend, that they were at the Justice's Court, and Said that at the Mouth of Four witnesses Judgment of <u>Nahum Ward</u> went against <u>Cornelius Cook</u> in a Matter of Scandal. The Church hereupon desired him to make his defence if any he had to make. In Reply to which he pleaded that he had not had Sufficient, timely apprehension of this Meet-

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ing of the Church if it was expected for him to provide the Papers and Evidences needed and prayd that the Church would adjourn and give him thereby Opportunity to prepare himself better than he now was or could be.

The Church accepted him in this and adjourned to next Monday come fortnight.

The Meeting therefore concluded with Prayer and the Blessing.

September 13. The Church meeting further adjournd to September 29.

Church Meeting September 29. Church met according to adjournment and After Prayer to God Received and Read the Papers from Justice Nahum Ward, on the Case of <u>Cornelius Cook</u>, heard the witnesses which were present, viz., Deac. Tomlin and Noah How, on the same and heard the long declaration and Defence of said Cook. After debating a while, the Church adjournd to next Friday come fortnight; and so concluded with prayer.

October 4. John of Samuel and [blank] Gamel baptized.<sup>23</sup>

Church Meeting 9. The Church according to Adjournment Met, and William, John and Jonathan Rogers being now present, Cornelius Cook was call'd upon to proceed with that part of his Declaration and Defence which respected them (the said Rogers's) which he did; and the Church received also their Answers severally thereto and then desird Them to withdraw.

The Church having debated what they found needfull passed the following Votes.

- l. That the Church is not satisfyed with the Declaration made by Cornelius Cook, respecting his Guiltiness of the matter of Complaint made against him. Nem. Contrad.
- 2. That <u>Cornelius Cook</u> is, in the Judgment of the Church <u>guilty of profane</u> swearing; and Expects his Humiliation before he enjoy Special Privileges in the Church.

These Votes being passed They were called in again who had withdrawn; the votes were read and a brief Exhortation given to said Cook; and a word also was given to said Rogers's and

 $<sup>^{23}</sup>$ John may have been the son of Samuel and Ann Gamwell; if so, that John died and another John was b. Sept. 8, 1742; WVR, 51.

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to the Church: which being done the Meeting Concluded with Prayer and the Blessing.

October 11. <u>Jesse</u> Maynard and <u>Phebe</u> his wife; Jonas Bradish and Phinehas Forbush (Two Youths) ownd the Covenant, and Reuben, of Eleazer and Ruhamah Pratt, Samuel and Lois, of Jesse and Phebe Maynard baptized.

Joanna (wife of Jonathan junior) Forbush and Mary Graves were admitted into the Church.

18. Eleazer and Hannah Beeman were admitted.

The Lords Supper was administred. And

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p.m. Jotham Maynard and Abiel his wife ownd the Covenant and Jotham their son was baptized.

25. Thomas and Sarah Bruce dismissd, being removd to Bolton.

November 1. A Letter from <u>Bolton</u> requesting Assistance in the designd Ordination of Mr. Thomas Goss, read, and

Ordination at Bolton

- 1. Voted a Compliance with Said Request.
- 2. Voted That Deacon Forbush be one of the Church's Delegates upon this Occasion.
- 3. Voted that Brother (Jonathan) Whipple be the other.
- 8. Hannah (daughter of <u>David</u>) Mainard was admitted into Church Fellowship; as were also <u>Joseph Thurston</u>, dismissd from Medfield; Dorothy his wife, dismissd from Marlborough; Damaris, wife of James Bradish, dismissd from the same; and Mary Patch (now marryd to Deacon Tomlin) dismissd from Ipswich.
- 22. Richard and Elizabeth Barns confessd the sin of Fornication, were restord, ownd the Covenant and their Daughter Anna was baptizd.

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Sacrament	November 29. The Lords Supper was administred.		
	December 20. Sarah, of Samuel and Elizabeth Harrington Forbush baptized.	n; Sarah, of Daniel and Abigail	
1742.	2. January 17. Sylvanus, of Abner and Vashti Newton, bapti	zed.	
	24. Mary Green made a profession and was baptize	zd.	
	February 14. Rebecca, of Daniel and Marsha Warrin, bap Joanna, of Jonathan and Joanna Forb. baptized.	tized.	
	February 28. Francis, of Francis and Abigail Whipple bap	otized.	
Sacrament	March 14. The Lords Supper was administred.		
	28. Joseph, of Samuel junior and Deliverance Fay.	baptized.	
	April 11. Persis, of Jesse and Bethiah Brigham, baptized.		
	18. Nathaniel, of Nathaniel and Kezia Oake, baptis	zed.	
Letter from Rutland for a Council.	or requesting we would assist in Council on the 27 upon th	e great Affair of dismissing their Pastor <u>Two Delegates</u> be the Number to go	
Sacrament	April 25. The Lords Supper was administred.		
	May 23. Damaris of Josiah and Hassad. Bowker baptized		
	May 30. Samuel Williams and Abigail his wife, Beriah R Sarah Bellows were admitted into the Church.	ice, Daniel and Mary Stone, and	
Sacrament	June 6. The Lords Supper was administred. P.M. Joseph of Timothy and Rebecca Warrin, baptized		
	13. Ephraim, of John and Jemima Caruth, baptized	I.	
	20. Mary, of Hezekiah and Rachel Pratt, baptized	by Mr. Cushing in my absence.	

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July 4. Isaac, of James and Lydia Fay, baptized.

- 11. Phinehas Forbush and Bethiah Brigham (wife of Jesse Brigham) were admitted into Church Fellowship as was Abigail Forbush, heretofore Severn, being dismissd from the Church in Newtown.
  - 18. Sacrament administred. Sacrament Joseph Green junior owned the Covenant and Lydia, his Daughter, was baptized.

August 22. Lydia, of Martin and Lydia Pratt baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. The Lords Supper was administred. Sacrament And Edmund, of Ebenezer Chamberlain; Abigail, of Zebulun and Abigail Rice; Hannah, of Daniel junior and Hannah Warrin baptized

September 5. Joshua, of Joshua and Mercy Townsend, baptized.

12. Letter from Rutland read, requesting the Churchs assistance in Ordaining Mr. Joseph Buckminister.

Ordination of Mr. Buckminster at Rutland

Voted 1. to comply with the Request.

- 2. Two to be the Number of Delegates.
- 3. Brother Edward Baker to be one and
- 4. Brother Jonathan Livermore to be the other.
- 26. Gershom and Mary Brigham ownd the Covenant, and Anna of Benjamin and Jane Lawrence; Hephzibah, of Gershom and Mary Brigham baptizd.

October 10. Lords Supper administred and

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Noah, of Cornelius and Sarah Biglo;<sup>24</sup> Silas, of Jedidiah and Abigail How baptized.

- 24. Mary and Elizabeth, of Richard and Elizabeth Barns, baptized.
- 31. Edward of Thomas and Persis Goodenow, baptized.

November 21. The Lords Supper administred, Samuel Allen being first admitted into Church Fellowship. Sacrament

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup>Noah, s. Cornelius and Mary Biglow, b. Sept. 9, 1742; WVR, 19.

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1743. January 9. Martha, of Benjamin and Martha Fay.

Church Meeting, respecting Cornelius Cook. 26. The Church met and after Prayer Read a Paper from <u>Cornelius Cook</u>, in which he hopd he was truly humble and sensible of his Sin in profane Swearing and prayd God and his people to forgive him etc.

After Reading the Said paper he was askd whether he had any thing to say upon it, and he told the Church (in Substance) that he doubted whether he was in a State of Grace at the Time of his taking Said Oath, and was in Doubt whether he ought to take it: but insisted that he was not guilty of taking it in the manner that the Church had understood it; was in no passion etc., but as well as he could in the fear of God - [As an?] act of worship: But as all his Family prayers, public attendances etc. were then profane, so was this also, and he could not judge it any otherwise etc. Upon which the Church debated and then passd were the following Votes —

l. If the Confession offered by Cornelius Cook was satisfactory they were desird to manifest it by lifting up their hands.

To which No Hand was seen.

2. If it was the Churchs mind to defer further proceeding with him by way of Censure for the present out of Tenderness and Compassion to him.

Voted Freely.

This affair being dispatched,

The present Times, which are full of Religious Commotions, were Considerd; and that we might obtain the Blessing and avoid the Snares, the Church were very ready to vote, and did so, that we observe a Day of Solemn Fasting and Prayer and that it be, God willing, this Day Sennight.

Then The Meeting Concluded with prayer and Blessing.

February 2 was offered as a Day Humilliation and Prayer. Mr. Smith a.m. on Act. 2:37. Mr. Barrett p.m. on Joh. 10:27-28.

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March 6. The Sacrament administred.

Sacrament

27. <u>Sarah</u>, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman, and Lucy, of Beriah and Mary Rice baptized

April 3. Grace, of Jonath. and Abigail Livermore; Lucy, of Thomas and Lydia Warrin; Amos, of Jacob and Hannah Rice; Nathaniel, of Thomas and Sarah Billing; Hannah of Jesse and Phebe Maynard; William, of Timothy and Lydia Fay; Hannah, of William and Mary Caruth.

N.B. The administration to the above mentiond seven was at the House of Mr. Nathaniel Oake (where the public Assembly of that Corner of the Town was Commonly held) But this not before I had laid it before the Church and Congregation of the Town, and obtaind their Concurrence; nor was it till I had Stopd the Church Members of the North side of the Town to make Enquiry into their Meeting by themselves that I might be certifyed of the true Cause, and also the Manner thereof and known of them that the Reasons of their so doing were not from Negligence, Disgust etc. but because of the inconvenient Distance and Difficulty of their and their Childrens Travelling to the meeting House; nor till it was known what faithfulness they had usd in improving the Means of public Instruction among them, and Dispensation of the Pure and holy Gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet it was intimated to them that the Church Ought to have expected some Word Concerning their Absence, and that the Neglect thereof was undoubtedly a breach of Church Order; inasmuch as by our Church Covenant we must maintain Church Fellowship and we are expressly bound to hold Communion in the word and sacraments. Unto which the Brethern manifested their Concurrence; as well as that they Desird and purposd to approve themselves Gods

https://www.colonialsociety.org/node/3895 66. Church Covenant People. Sacrament April 27. Sacrament Administred and Antipas, of Jotham and Abigail Maynard, and Hannah, of Josiah and Mary Walker baptized. May 1. Hannah, of Seth and Dorothy Rice, baptized. June 5. Zebulon Rice was admitted into Church Fellowship; as were also William and Sarah Pierce, these Two last having been dismissd from the Church of Southborough. This day also the Lords Supper was administred. Sacrament June 19. Rebekka and Hannah, of Daniel and Abiail Forbush, and Sibyl, of Jonathan and Sibyl Green, were baptized by Rev. Mr. Stone of Southborough. 26. Lydia, of Josiah and Ruhamah Newton, baptized. Sacrament July 24. The Lords Supper was administred. August 28. Patience, of Joseph and Katharine Joslin, baptized. Sacrament September 11. The Lords Supper administred. 25. Lydia, of Cornelius and Eunice Cook, baptized. But N.B. it was expressly declared to be on the Right of the Mother. Church October 2. A Letter from north Shrewsbury was read requesting the assistance of this Church in the Gathering a Church there. The Church consented gathered in North freely to the Pastors going, but there was no Vote to send any Delegates. Shrewsbury 9. Abigail, Daughter of Eleazer and Mercy Williams (She, the mother, being a Member of the Church) was baptized. 16. Lucy, of Phinehas and Sarah Forbush, baptized. Ordination A Letter from North Shrewsbury requesting Assistance in Ordaining a Pastor: Voted Compliance with the Request. North 2. To send 2 Delegates with the Pastor. Shrewsbury 3. Deacon Fay and Deacon Forbush be the Persons.

23. Church stopped at the Desire of Deac. <u>Forbush</u> who prayed that for several Reasons he might be excusd from attending the Service to which he was last sabbath appointed, Seeing his Circumstances were such that he could not

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wait upon that Business without great Inconvenience and Trouble. He was accordingly dismissd from it; and the Church proceeded to vote for another in his room.

Voted that Brother <u>Samuel Williams</u> be appointed a Delegate for this Church at the approaching Ordination at <u>North Shrewsbury</u> instead of Deacon Jonathan Forbush.

November 6. Hannah, of Gershom and Hannah Fay, and Prudence, of Josiah and Hazadiah Bowker baptized

27. Sarah, of Daniel and Martha Warrin, baptized

December 11. Margery, of Hezekiah and Rachel Pratt baptized, and Silas Fay and Hannah his wife admitted into full Communion.

18. Beriah, of Nathanael and Kezia Oake; Mary and Hannah of Silas and Hannah Fay; Joseph, of Joseph and Mary Green baptized by Rev. Mr. <u>Cushing</u>.

25. Ebenezer Maynard ownd the Covenant, and Joel, of Ebenezer and Ame Maynard, baptized

January 8. John, of Stephen and Thankfull Maynard (who ownd the Covenant lately), baptized.

February 19. The Church was Stopd to hear a Letter from <u>Upton</u>, the Church there being in great Difficultys by Reason of their Divisions, Request we would Meet with other Churches in Council on the 13th of March next to hear and advise upon their Case.

Voted 1. Compliance with their Request.

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Voted 2. That Two be the Number of Delegates upon this Occasion.

Then it was movd that the Church choose by Proxys (meaning by written papers), and we attempted it, but those Brethern who had the most Votes not having more than all others, we were obligd to try agai. Which being it was the Lords Day and late, we deferrd; and adjournd to Tuesday Next, at 2 p.m.

February 24. The Church met by Adjournment. After Prayer Voted for Delegates to Serve in the Council at <u>Upton</u> on March 13, next ensuing. Voted 1. Brother <u>Francis Whipple</u> the first Delegate. Voted 2. Deacon Newton the other.

This Affair thus far accomplishd The Pastor took this Opportunity to Confer with the Church respecting what might be best to be done with <u>Cornelius Cook</u>. The Church debated and then came to a Resolve to Send a Committee of Three Brethern to labour with him Still, to See if he may be brought to any better Frame and

Voted 1. That Deac: Forbush be one,

Voted 2. That Brother James Bradish be another and

Voted 3. That Brother James Bradish junior be the Third, to serve on that occasion.

After Prayer and the Blessing, the Church returnd to their respective Homes.

March 1. The Church was conferrd with touching the admission of <u>Grafton</u> members to occasional Communion. A number of Brethern Spake their minds and the rest seemd to Concur, that being they were just now upon the very Business of Calling a Council on their Differences and

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Complaints, it is best to entreat any person or persons that Should offer at this juncture whether of one party or the other, to forbear for this Communion, or till we could be better Satisfyed concerning the Grounds of their great Troubles and Disorders there.

- March 4. Being a tedious Storm of Snow, but few came to Meeting, and among those who were absent was the Deacon who had provided the Elements for the Lords Supper; So that we were prevented the Administration thereof.
- \_\_\_\_\_11. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred. Sacrament P.M. The Pastor askd (and obtaind) the Concurrence of the Church to his Baptizing in the North Part of town, what Children are offernd there. And particularly he Signifyed the desire of John McAllister that his Child might be baptized the next Lords Day there in Case the Pastor should then preach on the North side, and there was no objection.
- 18. At Nathaniel Oakes, where the Assembly was held on the north side of the Town, the following Children were Baptized. Benjamin, of John and Margaret McAllister, and Nathan, of John and Jemima Caruth.
- April 1. Samuel of Joseph and Dororthy Thurston, and John and Samuel, of John and Mercy Chamberlain (who had ownd the Covenant at Leicester) were baptized.
- 12. Being public Fast, <u>Thankfull Rice</u> (the wife of Josiah Rice) offerd an humble and voluntary Confession of her sin of <u>Drinking to Excess</u>, and was by Vote of the Church restord.
- 22. Sacrament of the Lords Supper administred.

Sacrament

- P.M. <u>Jonathan Cutting and Sarah</u> his wife ownd the Covenant. Timothy, of Eliezar and Persis Rice; Rebecca, of Timothy and Rebecca Warrin, Josiah, of Jonathan and Sarah Cutting baptized.
- June 3. Elizabeth of Benjamin and Tabitha How, baptized
- 10. The Sacrament was administred but preceding it <u>Sarah</u>, the Wife of Capt. Daniel

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		rcester, And Jonathan Tainter (son of Simon Nathaniel and Mary Whitney) were admitted into
	June 17. Elizabeth, of David and Dinah G	Goodenow, baptized
	24. Benjamin, of Asher Rice, Now Morse of Shrewsbury.	dwelling at Leicester, baptized by Rev. Mr.
	July 1. Brother <u>Jonathan Bellows</u> offerd a Negligence in his Business, and Dishones Charity.	Confession of his having been Guilty of sty and Lying in Trading and was restord to
	Neighbour <u>Cornelius Cook</u> also offerd a opag. 60) and was restord.	Confession of his Sin of profane Swearing (See
	15. Mary, of Samuel and Elizabeth Forbush; Daniel of Jonathan and Sarah C	Harrington; John, of Jonathan junior and Joanna utting baptized
Sacrament	22. The Lords Supper Administred p.m. Ruth, of Jonathan and Judith Bellow	
	29. Lucy, of James and Lydia Fay	, baptized
	August 12. Dorothy, of Jedidiah and Abig baptized	gail How, and Martin, of Martin and Lydia Pratt
	19. Sarah Tainter (Daughter of Sin Communion.	non and Rebecca Tainter) was admitted into full
	26. Priscilla, of Zebulon and Abiga	ail Rice, baptized
Sacrament	September 2. The Lords Supper was adm Asa, of Thomas and Persis Goodenow ba	
	September 2. A Letter from a New Societ read — but no vote to comply.	ry in <u>New-Haven</u> , Connecticut, desiring a Council
	9. Simeon, of Ithamar and Mary B	ellows, baptized
	October 7. James, of Benjamin and Jane l	Lawrence, baptized

21. Eli Forbush and Thankfull Maynard (the wife of Stephen) admitted to Church Fellowship

Sacrament and the Sacrament of the Lords Supper Administred.

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October 28. Mary, of Eleazer and Mary Whitney, baptized. N.B. Said Eleazar is a member of the Church in Waltham.

November 11. We had a Contribution in the Congregation, at the Request and for the Relief of Mr. Jedidiah Biglo of Grafton who was burnt out October 9 last.

Contribution for Mr. Jedidiah **Biglow** 

13. I received a Paper from the Deacons in the following form, viz., To Mr. Parkman

November 12, 1744

We the Subscribers have counted the Money gathered last Sabbath and found it to be £10:6:5.

		John Fay
in 3 penny Bitts	1.7.6	Jonathan Forbush
1 penny Bitts	0.7.9	Josiah Newton
Paper Money	8.11.8	
The total is	10.6.5	
Josiah Newton.		

November 18. Benjamin, of Benjamin and Martha Fay, baptized.

December 2. The Lords Supper administred.

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December 16. At the Request of Brother John Pratt, his and his wife's Dismission were Voted, and that they Should be recommended to the Church in Hardwick where they are gone to dwell.

1745. January 4. Solomon, of son of Simeon and Rebecca Hayward, being Sick 1745. and in Danger of Death, was baptized in their own House. N.B. All the Neighbours that could be informed came, and particularly there were the following persons present. Brother Nathan Ball, Joshua Townsend, Jonathan Livermore, William Holloway, Jonathan McAllister, William Caruth, Paul Fay — besides a Number of women.

February 24. Ruth, of Eleazar and Mercy Williams, baptized, and Persis, wife of Edward Baker admitted into Church Communion.

72. Church Records March 3. Martha, Wife of Daniel Warrin, admitted into Church Communion. The Lords Supper administred. And Sacrament Lydia, of Ebenezer and [blank] Chamberlain baptized.<sup>25</sup> 17. Susanna, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman, baptizd. 31. Elisha, of Daniel and Abigail Forbush, baptized. April 14. Samuel Baker, Jonas and Lydia Warrin (of Upton) were admitted into Church Fellowship, and the Lords Supper was administred. Sacrament P.M. Sarah of Daniel Capt. and Sarah Warrin; Phebe, of Charles and Phebe Woods (who had ownd the Covenant at Southborough) baptized. 21. At Noon the Church was Stopd to acquaint them with the Desire of Brother Samuel Fay junior to have not only his new born Infant baptizd but a Child of about a Year and half old, which had been neglected in this Time of their great Trouble and Affliction, for which he was Sorry and desird the Compassion of the Church, which was freely extended to him and May God please to overlook the Sin of Said Neglect. Accordingly p.m. Hannah and Ebenezer, of Samuel and Deliverance Fay, baptized 28. John Oake and Susanna his wife ownd the Covenant and Hannah their Daughter was baptized. May 12. Rachel, of Beriah and Mary Rice, baptized. 26. Edwards and Sarah Whipple were admitted into Church Fellowship. Sacrament The Lords Supper was administred.

 $<sup>^{25}\</sup>mathrm{Lydia},$  dau. Ebenezer and Lydia Chamberlin, b. Feb. 21, 1744-5; WVR, 32.

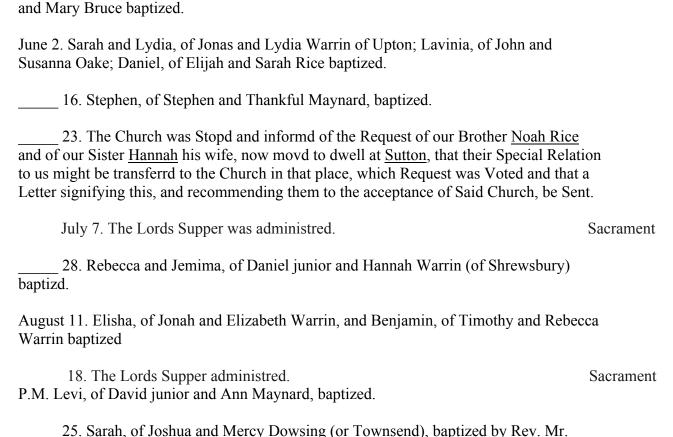
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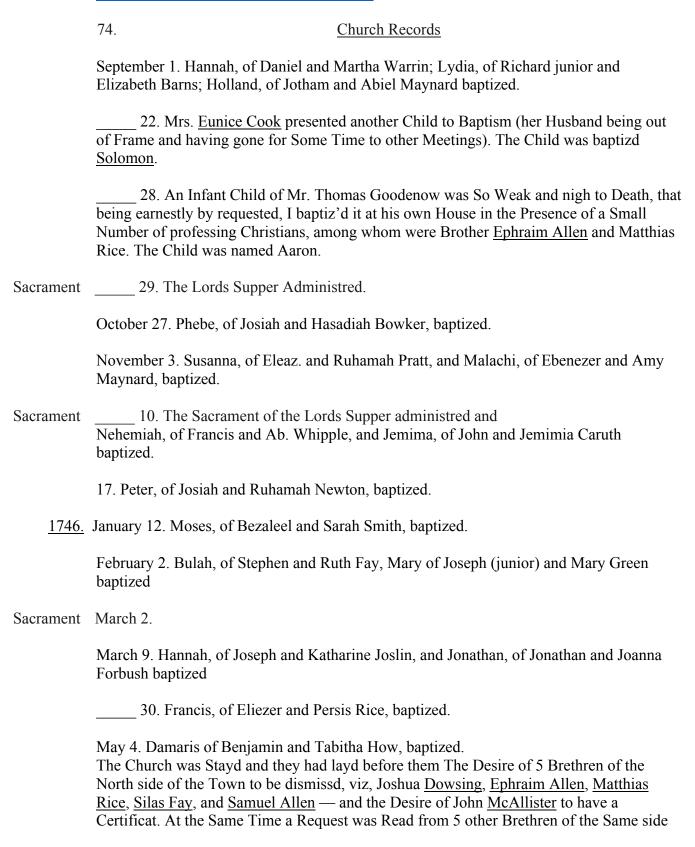
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P.M. Ephraim Bruce and Mary his Wife offerd their Confession and Acknowledgment of the Sin of Fornication, and were restord.
Charles and Martha Bruce, and Ephraim and Mary Bruce ownd the Covenant and Abijah, of Charles and Martha Bruce; Sarah, of Edwards and Sarah Whipple; Timothy, of Ephraim





of Town, for a Church Meeting. This was Seconded by Deac.  $\underline{\text{Newton}}$  and Deac. Forbush So

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that a meeting was accordingly appointed, viz. Next Wednesday, at 2 p.m. at the Old Meeting House.

May 7. The Church met according to appointment and after Prayer the Church were Exhorted to Consider With great Seriousness, the following Things:

<u>First</u>, Gods great Mercy to us in bringing us into a Church State, and his glorious Patience and Goodness in Continuing us to this Day.

<u>Secondly</u>, That we ought to bewail our Unfaithfulness to God and to one another, under our high and holy Character, and under our Sacred Obligations — manifest in,

1.) Our Unfruitfulness — Deadness, Carnality and worldly-mindedness.

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May 18. Jonas Child, Sarah Forbush (the wife of (Capt.) Samuel Forbush) and Sibil wife of (the foresaid) Jonas Child, were admitted into Church Fellowship.			
25. The Lords Supper was administred.	Sacrament		
June 1. Jonas and Isaac, of Jonas and Sibil Child, were baptized.			
15. Mercy of John and Mercy Chamberlin was baptized.			
29. Ruth, of Josiah and Thankful Rice, baptized.			
July 13. Joseph of Phineas and Prudence Hardy, baptized. The Lords Supper having been administred the Same Day.	Sacrament		
27. Mary, of Edward and Persis Baker, baptized			
August 17. The Brethren of the Church was Stoppd to acquaint them with the Desires of a Number of the Sisters of the Church who dwell in the North part of the Town to be dismissd, viz., <u>Tabitha Eager</u> , <u>Mary Halloway</u> , <u>Rebecca Hayward</u> , <u>Margaret McAllister</u> , <u>Abigail Livermore</u> , <u>Mercy Dowsing</u> , <u>Hannah Fay</u> , <u>Anna Rice</u> , <u>Bethiah Brigham</u> , <u>Dinah Goodenow</u> , <u>Jemima Caruth</u> , <u>Sarah Billing</u> . But Since it was not improbable there would be some Debate, this affair was put off till next Thursday after Lecture.			
21. The Brethren of the Church were detaind upon the Requests of the sisters above mentiond; and after Some debate, they were granted, but with this proviso that there be something inserted in their Dismissions touching their Delinquency which we have observed of late, with an Exhortation and Caution to them respecting the Time to Come.	Sisters were dismissed		
24. The sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred.	Sacrament		
September 14. Aaron, of William and Sarah Pierce, baptized.			
October 5. The Lords Supper was administred.	Sacrament		

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and Dinah of Charles and Phebe Woods, baptized.

October 12. Submitt, of Phinehas and Sarah Forbush, baptized. N.B. This Child was held up by its grandfather Deacon Forbush, the Immediate Father

being (if alive) in Captivity.

26. Jonas, of Solomon and Anna Rice, baptized.

November 9. Benjamin, of Charles and Martha Bruce, baptized.

30. Prudence, wife of Phinehas Hardy, being dismissed from Grafton, was admitted into Church Fellowship.

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The Lords Supper was administred. And Samuel, of Edwards and Sarah Whipple, baptized

December 7. Esther, of Benjamin and Martha Fay, baptized.

1747. January 18. Patience, of Solomon and Patience Woods, baptized.

February 22. Alexander, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman, and Samuel of Eleazar Whitney were baptized.

March 1. Silas, of Jonas and Silyl Child, baptized.

Sacrament 8. The Lords Supper was administred.

29. A Certificat from Rev. Mr. Cushing of Shrewsbury, respecting Mary Graves, now Garfield, her Fall into Fornication and her Recovery by Repentance and her public Humilliation in the Church of Shrewsbury, read to our Church and voted Satisfaction with it, and that She is restord to our Charity.

April 12. Levi Brigham and Susanna his wife were admitted into full Communion. And Sacrament the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred.

Samuel and Margaret Forbush (Inhabitants of Upton) ownd the Covenant, and Enoch, of Zebulon and Abigail Rice; Ruth, of Timothy and Rebeccas Warrin; Sarah, of Samuel and Margaret Forbush (of Upton) baptizd.

19. Levi, of Levi and Susanna Brigham, and Miriam, of Ebenezer and Mary Garfield baptized.

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June 7. A Letter from the Church of Christ in Worcester, bearing Date May 11 last, and Requesting the Assistance of this Church in the Installment of the Rev. Mr. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/jhan.2007/

Mr. Maccartys Installment at Worcester

28. Read a Letter from the distressed church of Christ in <u>Grafton</u> bearing Date [blank] and requesting the assistance of this Church with other Churches in Council on July 7 next ensuing to consider and advise upon their Difficultys — with Special Reference to the Dissolution of the Relation of Pastor and people if that Shall appear to be most for the Divine Glory and the Interest of Christs Kingdom.

Their Request Voted — Voted that there be Two Delegates from this Church. Voted that Brother Nathaniel Whitney be one. Voted that Deacon Newton be the other.

July 5. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper Administred.

Sacrament

- 12. Job, of Eleazer and Ruhamah Pratt; Nehemiah, of Samuel junior and Deliverance Fay; James, of Daniel and Martha Warrin baptized.
- 26. Beriah, of Beriah and Mary Rice, and Stephen, of Stephen and Thankful Maynard baptized.

August 16. Jonas Brigham and Persis his wife, and Mary the wife of Cornelius Biglow, were admitted into the

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Sacrament

Church. The same Day the Lords Supper was administred. P.M. Martha, of Jonas and Persis Brigham was baptizd.

Church Meeting, for Mr. James Fay August 17. 1747. The Church met on the Account of Brother <u>James Fay</u>, who attempted to communicate yesterday but Several Members were dissatisfyed with it (and Deacon Newton was so uneasy that he went out, till Mr. Fay was desird to withdraw; which upon his doing the Deacon returnd). Mr. Fay also desird to be dismissed to the Church in Hardwick.

After debating upon the Affair,

"Brother James Fay acknowledgd, he does charge himself with Blame for his going to the Separate Meeting in Grafton in the manner he had done, and that he is sorry therefor; and declard he would by no means do any thing that Should encourage or strengthen those who were in such an Erroneous way as he apprehended them to be in, in particularly their Separating from that Church of Christ, and the other Churches of Christ in the Land, and the standing ministry thereof."

Signd James Fay.

After this, Brother Fay having askd the Churchs Forgivness, they accordingly voted it, and his Dismission also was voted, and that he Should be recommended to said Church of <u>Hardwick</u>. The like Vote passd respecting Lydia his Wife and respecting our Brother <u>Daniel Stone</u> and <u>Mary</u> his Wife.

As the Meeting began with prayer, so it ended with Prayer and Blessing.

23. Nathan, of Hezekiah and Rachel Pratt was baptized by the Rev. Thaddeus Maccarty.

Letter from the 2d Church in Sutton,

September 20. The Church was Stopd after Exercises, and a Letter from the Second Church in Sutton was Communicated, containing a Request

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of Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. <u>James Wellman</u>. The Church Voted Complyance with it. But when the Number of Delegates was proposd, there arose some Debate — which causd us to defer the Affair to Next Thursday.

on the occasion of the Ordination of Mr. Wellman

24. After Lecture, the Church Stayd, and there appearing an Earnest Desire to have the Result of the late Council at <u>Grafton</u> read, it was read accordingly — And then, proceeded to the Business abovesaid.

<u>Voted</u>, that Two be the Number of Delegates from this Church to accompany the Pastor in the said Ordination.

Voted, That Brother S. Williams be the First.

Voted, That Brother J. Miller be the other.

This being dispatchd, A Letter from the Church of Christ in Narragansett No. 2, of which Mr. Elisha Marsh is pastor, to this Church requesting Help, in Conjunction with Six Churches more to sit in Council on the 3rd Wednesday of October Next, upon Difficultyes and Dissensions arisen there; was read — but the Pastor refusing to go (there having been Some disagreement between him and Said Mr. Marsh), this Church also refused to send. But the Pastor acquainted the Brethren that he Should make Return for the regard that had been shewn to us upon this Occasion. And then the Church was dismissd (as usual) with the Blessing.

27. Joseph Bowker was admitted into the Church, and the Sacrament of the Lords Supper administred.

Sacrament

Octob. 11. Hannah, of Samuel and Margaret Forbush of Upton, baptizd.

November 1. Martha, of Elijah and Sarah Rice, baptized

8. The Lords Supper was administred.
N.B. Rev. Mr. Rice of the Sturbridge present, and preachd p.m.

Sacrament

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. Richard, of Richard and Elizabeth Barns; Ebenezer, of Ebenezer and Amy Maynard baptized

https://www.colonialsociety.org/node/3911 82. Church-Records December 27. Joseph, of Levi and Susanna Brigham, baptized 1748. January 31. Martha, of Ebenezer Chamberlain, and Gershom, of Gershom and Mary Brigham baptized. Sacrament March 7. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper administred. 27. Phinehas, of Jonathan junior and Joanna Forbush, Baptized April 10. Elijah, of Stephen and Ruth Fay, and Mercy, of Eleazar and Mercy Williams baptized. 17. The Lords Supper administred. Sacrament 24. Phebe, of Charles and Phebe Woods, baptized. May 1. Joseph, of Joseph and Katharine Joslin, baptized. 8. John Rogers and Elizabeth his Wife offerd their humble Confessions of the Sin of Fornication, and were restord. The Latter ownd the Covenant and was baptizd her Self and then their Children Persis and John were also baptized. 22. Hezekiah, of Hezekiah and Martha Tomlin; Hannah, of Solomon and Anna Rice, Sarah, of Joseph junior and Mary Green; Content, of John and Mercy Chamberlin baptized. Sacrament The sacrament of the Lords Supper had been administred the same day. 29. Lucy, of Phinehas and Prudence Hardy, baptized. June 5. Josiah, of Josiah and Ruhamah Newton, baptized. 12. Samuel, of Bezaliel and Sarah Smith (of Shrewsbury) baptized. 26. Elizabeth, of Francis and Abigail Whipple, baptized. Sacrament July 3. The Lords Supper was administred. 17. Abigail, of Cornelius and Eunice Cook, baptized. Sacrament August 14. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament October 2. The Lords Supper was administred.

P.M. John, of Benjamin and Martha Fay, baptized.

Letter from Rutland.

And a Letter was read to the Church from the Church of Christ in Rutland, requesting As-

Framingham.

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sistance in Council, under their present great Difficultys. Said Letter bore Date September 27th last. Their Request was voted. Voted that there be Two Delegates. Voted that Brother Baker (Edward Esq.) be one. Voted that Brother James Miller be the other. The Time for the Council to sit, they propose to be October 25. The other Churches sent to The Churches of Weston, Oxford, First in Sutton, Southborough, First and Second in Leicester.

November 6. Jonas, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, baptized, and Benjamin Tainter was admitted into full Communion.

10. The Church was Stoppd after Lecture and First, Result of the Council at Rutland read and Then, A Letter from the first Church in Lancaster (dated Lancaster, November 1, Letter from 1748. Signd Joseph Wilder, Josiah White, Hooker Osgood, Israel Houghton) Lancaster requesting assistance in the Installment of the Rev. Timothy Harrington, on the 16th Installment of instant, read and Voted Complyance with the request thereof. Mr. Harrington Voted the Number of Delegates to be Two. Voted Deacon Newton and Brother Miller to be the Delegates on this Occasion. The Church were dismissd with Blessing. 13. The Lords Supper administred. Sacrament and Mary, of Daniel and Mary Forbush, baptized. Recalld the Vote of the 10th last in which Deacon Newton was appointed Delegate and chose Edward Baker Esq. in his Stead. 20. Susanna, of Samuel and Susanna Baker, baptized by Rev. Mr. Bridge of

27. Jonathan Rogers and Anna his Wife ownd the Covenant, and Jemima, of

Timothy and Rebecca Warrin; Solomon, of Solomon and Patience Woods;

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and Jonathan and Abigail, Children of Jonathan and Anna Rogers, were baptized.

December 11. Mary, of Jonas and Lydia Warrin of Upton, baptizd by Rev. Mr. Martyn.

1749. January 22. Thomas, of Samuel and Margaret Forbush of Upton, was baptized.

29. Breck, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman, was baptiz'd.

February 12. Esther, of Jonas and Sibyl Child, baptized.

February 26. The Desires of Benjamin Lawrence and Jane his Wife, and of Kezia (the wife of Nathaniel) Oake, to have their Relation to this Church transferrd from us to the Church of Christ in Bolton, were laid before the Church and voted, and that there Should be Letters of Recommendation written accordingly.

A word of Quickening was also given to the Church concerning Contribution of the Communion, the Deacons having made repeated Complaint of the low state of the stock.

March 26. Samuel, of William and Sarah Pierce of Hopkinton, baptized.

April 9. A Letter from the Rev. Mr. <u>Joseph Champney</u> of <u>Beverley</u> was read, which containd the Dismission and Recommendation of <u>Mehetible</u>, the wife of Eliezer Rice; and She, as also Hephzibah Crosby, was admitted into full Communion.

Sacrament 16. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament May 28. The Lords Supper was administred.

June 4. Moses, of Hezekiah and Rachel Pratt, and Lucy of Edwards and Sarah Whipple baptized

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. Neverson of Daniel and Martha Warrin baptized.

Sacrament July 9. The Lords Supper administred.

July 23. Resign, of Hezekiah Tomlin; Levi, of Zebulon and Thankful Rice; Mary, of James and Mary Bradish baptized.

August 6. Eli, of Charles and Martha Bruce, baptized, and Charles Brigham of Grafton admitted into Church fellowship here.

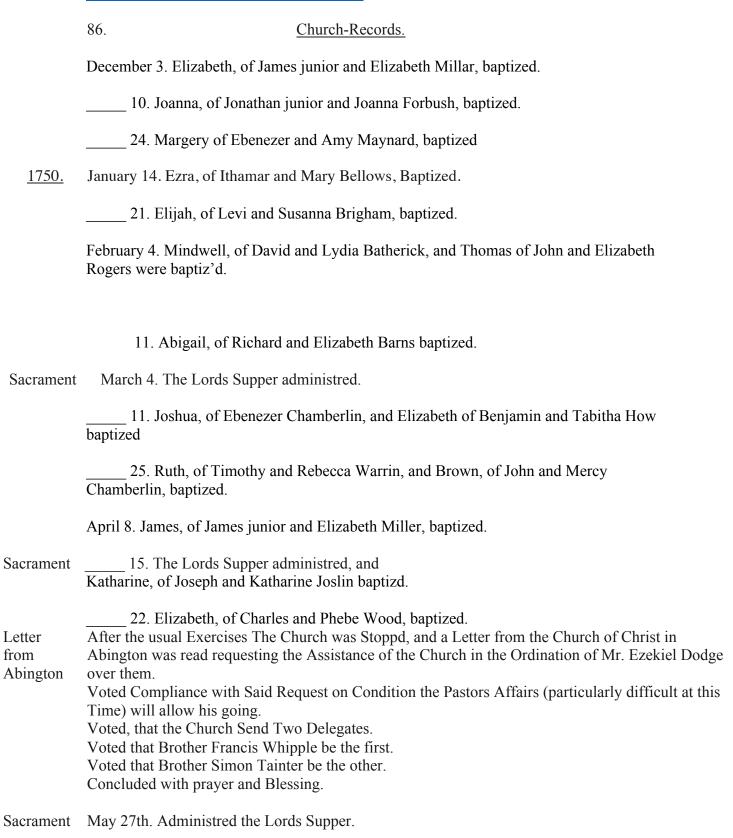
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August 20. David Batherick made profession of Religion, and was baptized.	
27. David Bathrick and Lydia his Wife were admitted into full Communion, the Lords Supper was also administred.  The same Day Hephzibah, of Stephen and Thankfull Maynard was baptizd.	and Sacrament
September 3. At the New Meeting House, Jonathan, Solomon and Anna, of David a Lydia Bathrick, and Deborah of Eleazar and Mary Whitney were baptizd.	ınd
24. Olive, of Ephraim and Mary Bruce, baptizd.	
October 1. Eli, of Samuel and Elizabeth Harrington, baptizd. The Church was Stopd and a Letter to us from the first Church of Christ in Sutton desiring assistance in Council, with Six other Churches, on the 17th Currant But the Request of the Letter was not Voted.	Letter from Sutton 1 Church
8. A Letter from Shrewsbury first Church was Communicated to the Church, requesting assistance in Council there, on the 11th instant, which was voted and That there be Two Delegates. That Brother Baker be one — That Brother Francis Whipple be the other. N.B. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper had been administred (in the Forepart of the Afternoon) as usual.	Shrewsbury first Church
29. Moses and Aaron, twin Children of Solomon and Anna Rice, were baptiz	z'd.
November 12. Daniel, of Phinehas and Prudence Hardy (being their Twelfth Child, and all now living) was baptized.	
19. Elizabeth, Wife of James Millar junior, and Mehitabel, wife of Moses Brigham; likewise Margaret, wife of James Millar (recommended to us from the West Church Sudhum) were admitted into Church Followship, and the same day.	

Sudbury) were admitted into Church Fellowship, and the same day

The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred.



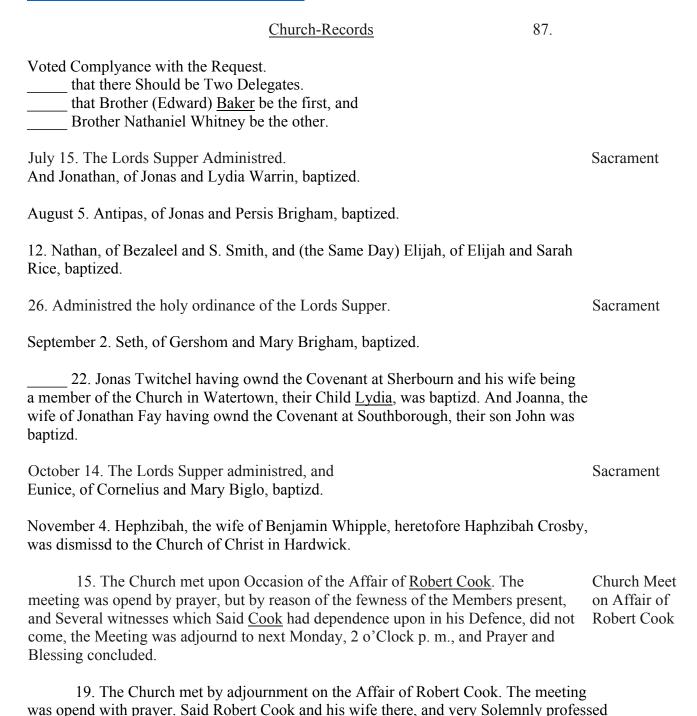
Letter from Grafton.

P.M. read a Letter from Church of Grafton desiring our Assistance in the Ordination of Mr.

A. Hutchinson.

were interrogated, particularly the

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their Innocence. Several Testimonys of women were read. Several also that were present

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Midwife, Mrs. Forbush. After all, the Church could not be ready as yet to Vote — were therefore adjournd again to Thursday next, after the Lecture, but before adjournd, a vote passd that <u>Anna Bradish</u> (who was propounded last Lords day sennight) might be admitted into the Church next Thursday, instead of next Lords Day, though it be otherwise than our common Custom; by reason of the Shortness of the Days: that is, if the Church be then Satisfyd with respect to her Qualifications. With prayer and the Blessing, this meeting concluded.

November 22. Was Lecture Day. Rev. Mr. Cushing preachd. It being Stormy few members present. The pastor was kept at home by Lameness. Anna Bradish's admission was put off till next Lords Day. The Church meeting also was adjournd to next Monday come sennight 2 o'Clock p.m. Rev. Cushing mentiond these at the Desire of the pastor.

25. Anna Bradish was admitted into Church Fellowship and Sacrament The Lords Supper was administred.

December 2. Hannah, of David junior and Ann Maynard, and Nathan, of Benjamin and Martha Fay, baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. The Church Met according to the Adjournment and after Prayer and Conference together The following vote was put, viz.,

"If you are willing that Robert Cook and his Wife Should enjoy the Special Privileges of the Gospel in this Church without an acknowledgement, please to manifest it by lifting up your Hands."

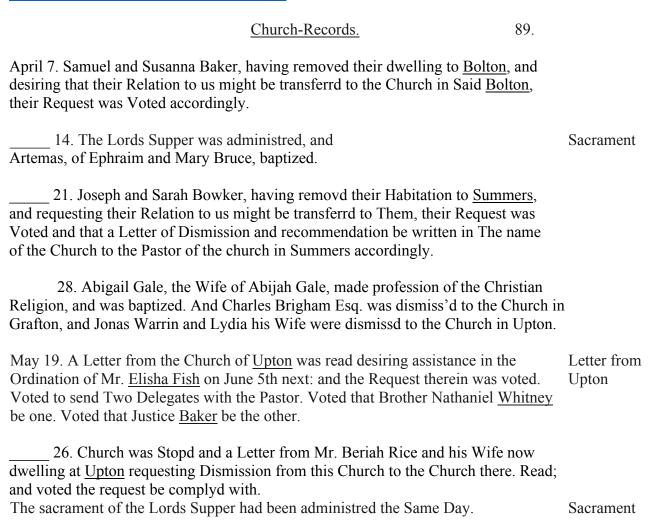
But not one Hand was lifted up.

After prayer and Blessing the meeting ended.

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March 3. Hannah Forbush junior, Daughter of Deacon Jonathan Forbush, was admitted into full Communion, and the Lords Supper administred.

Nahum, of Simon junior and Mary Tainter, baptizd.



June 16. Mary, of Eleazar and Mercy Williams, and Sarah of Moses and Mehitabel Brigham baptized.

30. Elijah, of Levi and Susanna Brigham, baptized.

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Sacrament October 6. The Lords Supper administred.

20. The Church was Stopped and the Widow Rebecca Byles was dismissd.

November 17. Robert Cook and Sarah his Wife offerd Confessions of their being guilty of the Sin of fornication, and likewise their Aggravating it by Denying it; upon which they were restord to Charity and ownd the Covenant.

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November 24. The Lords Supper was administred. P.M. The Church Stopd and Letter read, from some aggrieved Brethern in <u>Sudbury</u> under the Pastoral Care of Rev. Mr. <u>Loring</u> , but nothing furt		Sacrament Sudbury Letter.
December 1. Antipas, of Stephen and Thankfull Maynard baptized.		
22. Rachel, of Zebulun and Abigail Rice, and Anna, of Daniel and baptized. 26	nd [ <i>blank</i> ] Garf	ĭeld
29. The Church was Stopd, and a Letter was read, from the Church Holliston requesting our Assistance in Council there, January 8 next, the contentions between Two of their Brethren (namely Capt. Ephraim Litted Daniel Millen) which their own Endeavours were unsuccessfull to heal was no vote. It was found there was Some uneasiness among ourselves it was deferred till next Lords Day, proposing to use Means to remove we there was now in the way.	nere being tlefield and . But there , and therefore	Council at Holliston
The Church was dismissd with the Blessing.		
January 5, 1752. The Church was Stopd, and the obstruction to the proceed Lords Day being remov'd, the request in the <u>Holliston</u> Letter, was again proposd a voted.		<u>1752</u>
Voted that there be two Delegates.  Voted that Brother Tainter be the first and  that Brother Baker be the other.  Concluded with the blessing.		
12. Mary, of Francis and Abigail Whipple, baptized.		
February 2. The Church was Stop'd and the Result of the late Council a was read, and likewise the Desire of Eliezer Rice to have a Church mee		

and act, if they See Cause, on what he has to lay

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup>Anne, dau. Daniel and Anne Gafeld, b. Dec. 15, 1741; WVR, 51.

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before them concerning his Principles, on Consideration of which the Administration of the ordination of Baptism to his Child has been deferrd. —which was complyd with.

February 3. The Church came together according to the Request of <u>Eliezer Rice</u>, as read yesterday. The Meeting being opend by prayer, said <u>Rice</u> gave in a Paper containing his Belief, especially respecting the Doctrine of Original Sin — which was read — and read a Second Time. After Some reply made by the Pastor, and various Debating, the Members appeard ready to act upon it: and the following Vote was offerd:

Brethren, you having heard what Neighbour Rice has to offer concerning the Doctrine of Original sin, if you are now Satisfyed and if you are willing that he should enjoy the privilege of the Administration of the Ordinance of Baptism to his Child, please to manifest it by Lifting up your Hands.

It passd in the Negative; no Hand being lifted up.

The Church meeting concluded with Prayer and the Blessing.

February 23. <u>Jonathan Bond</u> and Lydia Twitchel (wife of Jonas) dismissd from Watertown Church, Eleazar Whitney dismissd from Waltham Church, and Margaret Chaddock of Hopkinton, and Mary Bond, Wife of the above mentiond Jonathan Bond, dismissed from the Second Church in Mendon, were admitted into our Communion.

Sacrament March 1. The Lords Supper was administred.

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- March 8. John, of Timothy and Rebecca Warrin, and Lydia, of David and Lydia Batherick baptized.
- \_\_\_\_\_10. Patience, of Solomon and Patience Woods, being in a very Sick and Dangerous Condition, was baptized in private. N.B. The Request of Mr. Woods and his Wife was openly made known in the Precinct Meeting which was on the Day preceding; and there was then manifested the Advice and Consent of the Members of the Church who were in Said Meeting.
- 22. Elizabeth, of Bezaleel and Sarah Smith of Shrewsbury, was baptized by Rev. Mr. Wellman of Sutton.
- 29. Elizabeth, of Jonathan and Mary Bond, and Jonathan, of Edwards and Sarah Whipple baptized.
- April 5. Levi, of John and Elizabeth Rogers, and Fortunatus, of James junior and Elizabeth Miller baptized.
- 19. The Church was Stopd, and another Letter from the aggrievd Brethren in West-Sudbury was read. Dated March 26 last. It was left to Consideration.
- May 24. The sacrament administred. A letter from Sundry Inhabitants of the North
  East part of <u>Brookfield</u>, respecting the Ordination of Mr. <u>Eli Forbush</u> on June 3 next,
  was read, and the request therein of our Assistance complyd with. Voted that there be
  two Delegates of the Church on that Occasion. Voted Brother Tainter be the first.
  Voted that Brother Francis Whipple to the other.
- 31. The Church was Stopd and voted Dismission of Mr. <u>Eli Forbush</u> to the work of founding and Settling a Church in the North East part of <u>Brookfield</u>, or to the Church there, if there be one gatherd; in order to his being ordaind the pastor thereof. And the Dismission of Mrs. Hannah Fish (heretofore Hannah <u>Forbush</u>) to the Church in Upton.

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June 6. <u>Eli</u>, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, and <u>Mindwell</u>, of Samuel and Margaret Forbush (this last of Upton) were baptized by the Rev. Mr. <u>Eli Forbush</u>, being the first Children which he baptizd. N.B. His Ordination was the last Wednesday, the 3rd Instant.

Sacrament. July 5. The Lords Supper was administred.

19. Jonathan, of Ebenezer and Emma Maynard baptized.

August 9. Nathan, of Robert and [*blank*] Claffland,<sup>27</sup> who had ownd the Covenant in Hopkinton was baptized by Rev. Eli Forbush.

New Stile September 24. New Stile. Lydia, of Samuel and Elizabeth Harrington, was baptizd.

October 15. Daniel, of Daniel and Martha Warrin baptized.

Sacrament \_\_\_\_\_ 22. The Lords Supper administred.

November 5. Lucy, of Benjamin and Martha Fay, baptized. <u>Eunice Allen</u>, heretofore <u>Pratt</u>, was dismissd to the Church of Christ in <u>Grafton</u>.

The Pastor read a Letter of his to the Church for their Thought upon it and Concurrence if they Should think fit; the Said Letter being a reply to a Letter of Messers. Josiah Haynes and Samuel Dakin of Sudbury dated last March 26. It was desird to have Time for Consideration.

30. It having been proposed the last Lords Day that the persons who Stand propounded for Church Communion, namely Moses and Persis Warrin, be admitted to Day, they were admitted accordingly, it being Lecture Day. And <u>Amy Mainard</u>, wife of Ebenezer Maynard being Dismissd from the South Church in Shrewsbury, was admitted likewise.

The Brethern also voted that they were Satisfyd in the Pastors having desird Brother

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup>Nathan, s. Roberd and Elisebeth Clafling, b. Aug. 4, 1752; WVR, 34.

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Edwards Whipple to Set the Tune; and in the Tunes which we have been wont to Sing in this Congregation.

N.B. These last voted were occasiond by Some late Disturbances in our Singing.

December 3. The holy Supper was administred.

Sacrament

- 10. Daniel, of Moses and Persis Warrin, baptized.
- \_\_\_\_\_24. Francis, of Richard and Elizabeth Barns, baptized.

  Memorandum. The Same Day a Request was Read to the Church and Congregation, Signd by <u>David Goodenow</u>, in which he represents his low and necessitous Circumstances by reason of his own and his Wife's Sickness etc. and asks a Charitable Contribution on January 7th next

January 14, 1753. <u>Gregorian Style</u>. Elisha, of Elijah and Sarah Rice, baptizd.

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February 11. Zipporah, of Ephraim and Mary Bruce, baptized.

- 18. Samuel, of Jonas and Lydia and Twitchel, baptized.
- 25. Nathan and Lucy Maynard own'd the Covenant. N.B. After the Exercise the Church was Stopt and their Advice was askd touching a Second Letter from <u>David Goodenow</u> which was read to the Church requesting a Contribution for him, being himself and wife greatly reducd. The Church voted it advisable that there be a Contribution for him.

March 4. The Lords Supper was administred Nathan, of Nathan and Lucy Maynard, Baptizd.

Sacrament

\_\_\_\_\_18. David, of Ebenezer and Mary Chamberlin, baptized. Contribution N.B. This Day there was a Contribution for the Relief of Mr. David Goodenow. It amounted to 16.13s of old Tenor besides 14/[blank] of broken and doubtfull money. Goodenow.

April 1. A Letter from the Church in Hollistion, dated March 26, requesting assistance in Council there on April 11, on account of Difficulty from Capt. <u>Jacob Foster</u>, (who also signs the Letter missive) which they cannot

Council at Holliston.

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	get over among themselves.					
	Voted compliance with the Request  That Two be the Number of Delegates to go with the Pastor on said Occasion.  That Brother Nathanael Whitney be one That Brother Baker (Edward Esq.) be the other.  Concluded with the Blessing.					
	April 8. Church stopd. Brother Baker desires to be excusd from the abovementiond service, because the general Court has not risen, and he must attend there. Brother Tainter was chosen in his room. Dismissed with Blessing.					
Sacrament	15. The Lords Supper was administred.					
	29. Job, of Cornelius and Mary Biglo, baptized					
	May 14. Silas, of Gershom and Mary Brigham was baptized at their House, the Child being dangerously sick and the desire to have the ordinance administred there, was manifested in public Assembly to the Church and Congregation yesterday. A Number of Nembers and Neighbours did accordingly attend.					
Sacrament	27. The Lords Supper was administred.					
	June 3. Moses, of Moses and Mehitable Brigham, and Benjamin, of Benjamin and Hannah Tainter, were baptized.					
	10. Phinehas, of Phinehas and Prudence Hardy, baptized.					
Sacrament	July 5.					
	July 29. John, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman baptizd.					
Sacrament	August 19. Sarah, of Abijah and Abigail Gale, was baptiz'd. The Lords Supper having been administred the same Day.					
	26. Timothy, of Gershom and Mary Brigham, was baptizd. This being a twin to the which was baptized in Private on April [sic] 14 last.					

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September 30. Administred the Lords Supper.

Sacrament

October 28. Abigail, of Solomon and Thankful Woods, baptized.

And this Day read the humble Petition of <u>Cornelius Cook</u> for a public Contribution for him, being much reduced by the Imprisonment and Trial of his Two sons Robert and Stephen, for killing an Indian at Stockbridge.

November 18. Administred the Lords Supper.

And Eleanor, of Simon junior and Mary Tainter, and Antipas, of Joseph and Sibyl Bruce, baptized.

December 9. Elizabeth, of Stephen and Thankfull Maynard, baptized.

January 13. A Contribution for the Relief of Mr. <u>Alpheus Newton</u>, whose House was burnt down in the Night between the 24th and 25th of December last; and we gatherd in our Congregation £44.15s. and 6d. old Tenor.

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Contribution for Alpheus
Newton

January 20. The Church was detaind after the Exercises and voted that on Consideration of the Sickness and Mortality in Several Neighbouring Towns, a Day of Humilliation and Prayer be kept on some Convenient Day of the next week. Notice to be given Next Lords Day in the Congregation.

- 27. Susanna, of Levi and Susanna Brigham, baptized. N.B. Next Wednesday was appointed, in the Congregation, to be a Day of Fasting and Prayer.
- 30. Was observed as a Day of <u>Humilliation and Prayer</u> on Account of a Maligament Mortal fever raging in many Neighbouring Towns. I prayd a.m. and Mr. Stone preachd on Ps. 39:4. Mr. Barrett prayd p.m. and Mr. Cushing preachd on Hos. 4:7.

March 10 was to have been the Communion but by Reason of Stormy Weather it was deferrd.

17. The Lords Supper was administred.

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# Woodstock Desire a Council

April 14. The Church was Stopd to hear and consider a Letter from the first Church in Woodstock desiring our Assistance in Council there on the Last Day of the month.

- 1. Voted Complyance with the request, but
- 2. Voted to reconsider, and therewith recall, the former vote; for this Reason, namely, because the Letter Missive expresses but <u>Delegate</u> or <u>Messenger</u> in the singular Number.

This was to the Pastors great Astonishment. However for peace Sake he gave way.

#### Sacrament

28. The Lords Supper was administred, and Lydia, of Samuel and Elizabeth Harrington, baptized.

May 26. Edward, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, baptized by Rev. Mr. Stone.

June 2. Joshua, of Eleazer Whitney, Nehemiah, of Nathan and Lucy Maynard baptized.

# Letter from Sudbury Brethern

5. The Church was Stoped, and a Letter from a Number of agrieved Brethen [sic] of the West Church in Sudbury, bearing Date May 14, 1754, read and left to Consideration till next Lords Day.

#### Sacrament

9. The Lords Supper administred.

P.M. The Church being detaind, upon the Affair of the Letter abovesaid. Voted not to send. N.B. It was conceived that the Pastor was too nearly concernd, in part of that Controversy, and there was yet Time for those Brethren to Send to a more disinterested Church, and where probably they may obtain a Pastor.

# Letter from Daniel Mellen

16. The Church were desird to tarry and a Letter was communicated from <u>Daniel Millen</u> of <u>Holliston</u>, desiring our Assistance in Council

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on July 2d next ensuring — which was voted.

Voted, that Two be the Delegates.

Voted, Brother Baker be one.

Voted, Simon Tainter be the Other.

July 7. Hannah, of Edwards and Sarah Whipple baptized, and Result of the Council at Holliston read.

14. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

August 4. Mehitabel, of James junior and Elizabeth Miller, baptized.

25. Mary, of William and Sarah Pierce, baptized by Rev. Mr. Stone of Southborough.

September 1. <u>Moses Twitchell</u> and <u>Mary</u> his Wife, and <u>Susanna</u>, the Wife of <u>Thomas Twitchell</u>, being dismissd from the Church in Holliston, were admitted into this Church.

The Lords Supper was administred.

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William, of John and Elizabeth Rogers, and Reuben, of Daniel and Hannah Gashitt, baptized.

October 6. Jabez, of Ebenezer and Amy Mainard baptized. A Contribution the Same Day for Mr. <u>Thomas Gleason</u> of <u>Oxford</u>, who was burnt out last July 2d — and gatherd in old Tenor 9.6.10.

Contribution for Mr. Thomas Gleason

October 13. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

November 10. A Paper was read to the Church (being Stopd at Evening, Signd by <u>Abijah Gale</u> containing his acknowledgment of acting foolishly and imprudently with the wife of Isaac Amsden, now of Southboro; and the Church voted Satisfaction with what he offerd.

Also a Letter was read from <u>David Taylor</u> of Concord, being under Difficultys with the Church of Bedford, to which he belongs, and

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desiring our assistance with four other Churches to sit in Council on the 12th Instant.

Voted Compliance with the Request therein.

Voted that One Delegate go upon this Occasion [two members desird it might be noted that it was "for Special Reason on this particular Occasion"].

Voted, that Brother <u>Baker</u> be the Representative of the Brethren at the proposd Council.

The Church were dismissd with the Blessing (as is the Custom Constantly, whether it be recorded or no).

24. David, of David of Lydia Batherick baptized.

December 15. Stephen, of Benjamin and Martha Fay baptized by the Rev. Mr. Hutchinson of Grafton.

1755. March 9. The Lords Supper was administred.

16. Persis, of Moses and Persis Warrin baptized		16.	Persis.	of Moses	and Persis	Warrin	baptized.
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Church Meting to Choose Deacons. 27. The Church met upon the Affair of electing one or more Deacons.

After opening the Meeting by solemn prayer; and reading Acts 6:1-7 and 1 Tim. 3:8-14, hich were briefly Explaind, and the Occasion Original Institution, the Work and the Qualifications of Deacons, from thence briefly exhibited, the Church Voted to the Choice of a Deacon in the room of the late Deacon Newton, deceasd. And (by written votes) Brother Nathaniel Whitney was chosen. Then Voted to the Choice of Another Deacon, and (after several Tryals) it appeard that Brother Jonathan Bond was chosen.

The meeting was adjourned to this Day fortnight, one p.m., the Same place. Were dismissd with prayer and Blessing.

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April 10. The Church met by Adjournment. After prayer Brother <u>Jonathan Bond</u> (one of those who were lately chosen to be Deacons) gave his Answer, in which he desird to be excusd, conceiving there were many others in the Church much fitter than he. But the Church manifested by Vote that they did not accept of his Said Answer but did abide by their Choice of him. To which he Submitted.

Brother Nathaniel Whitneys (the other) Answer (in writing) was read; in which he refusd. The Church voted that they were not Satisfyed with it, but abode by their former Vote by which he was chosen, and he not being present the Meeting was adjourned to the 17th Day, after Lecture.

April 13. Abijah, son of Jonas and Lydia Twitchel was baptized.

This Day also (the 13th of April) <u>Joseph and Mary Grout</u>, being dismissd from the Church of <u>Waltham</u>, and <u>Hannah Tainter</u>, wife of Benjamin Tainter, dismissd from the Church in Somers, were admitted into Church-Fellowship with us.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. After Lecture the Church met to hear Brother Whitneys final Answer —which was still in the Negative.

Voted to proceed to the Choice of another to be Deacon. Brother Jonathan Forbush junior was chosen.

And that he might have time to consider of it the meeting was further adjournd to next Monday come sennight 2 o'Clock p.m. Concluded with prayer and Blessing.

https://www.colonialsociety.org/node/3930 102 Church-Records. April 20. The Lords Supper was administred. 28. The Church met, and after Prayer Brother Jonathan Forbush junior gave his Answer in which he desird he might be excud — and gave his Reasons — which when the Church heard they voted they were not Sufficient but they continued their Desire that he would Serve in the Office. N.B. this was Voted pritty generally. Then brother Forbush Submitted and accepted, requesting the prayers of the Church for him, as did also Brother Bond for him. The Brethren were dismissd by Prayer and Blessing. May 25. Rev. Mr. Forbush baptizd, on the Right of their Mother, the following Children of Eliezer Rice, viz., Alpheus, Persis and John. June 1. Daniel Adams and Abigail, his wife admitted into Church Fellowship. The Same Day Asaph, of Daniel and Martha Warrin was baptizd. 8. The Lords Supper was administred. 27. Lucy, of Jonathan and Mary Bond; Jonathan, of Benjamin and Hannah Tainter; and Daniel of Daniel and Abigail Adams baptiz'd. July 13. Solomon Woods and Martha Dunlop (the latter having a Dismission from the Church in Hopkinton) were admitted into Church Fellowship.

27. Phinehas, of Moses and Mehitabel Brigham, baptized by the Rev. Mr. Fish of Upton.

20. The Lords Supper was administred.

August 10. Hannah, of Eleazer and Mercy Williams, baptizd.

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August 25. 1755. The Church met (having been timely warnd) to hear a Complaint Signd by Ebenezer Chamberlin and Mary (Wife of Ishamar) Bellows, and bearing Date July 18 last, against Judith (wife of Jonathan) Bellows, all of them Members of this Church, setting forth in substance, that the Said Judith hath walked very Disorderly and Contrary to the Rules of the Gospel — In particular, respecting her Daughter Comfort, who had Confessd her taking away certain Things from a Neighbour feloniously and that her Mother would not let her return said Things when She would have done it: and that said Comfort also declard her Mother had burnt them. The Complaint exhibited further that Said Judith was guilty of False speaking about those things, etc.

Church Meeting on the Affair of Sister <u>Judith</u> Bellows

After prayer the Complaint was read, and the Partys respectively, and the witnesses, were fully heard — the Church Voted.

- 1. respecting the first part of the Complaint, that although we cannot say She is guilty of Burning the Things referrd to in the Complaint, yet we find upon all that has been Said, that She has Conducted in a very Evil manner respecting her Daughter under her Guilt; and in that whole Affair respecting Said Things. And
- 2. Voted, as to the Second part of the Complaint, namely, her <u>False speaking</u>, that it is Supported. This was voted universally. The Pastor read these votes to said sister <u>Judith</u>, and Solemnly laid the Evil before her, and Call'd her to Repentance. Then the Meeting concluded with Prayer, and the Blessing.

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August 31. The Lords Supper administred.

for Mr.

Contribution September 27. There was a Contribution for the Relief of Mr. Jesse Maynard who was lately burnt out. It amounted to £21.3.7 1/2 old Tenor.

Jesse Maynard.

October 5. Abigail, heretofore Maynard, now Lock (the wife of Joshua Lock) made a Confession of the Sin of Fornication, and was restord to Charity. She also ownd the Covenant and Grace, her Daughter, was baptiz'd. The Same day, Eunice, the wife of Joseph Rice, and Lucy, the Wife of Ebenezer Forbush, were admitted into Church Fellowship.

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12. The Lords Supper administred.

And Hannah, of Deacon Jonathan Forbush junior and Joanna his Wife; Eunice, of Timothy and Rebecca Warrin; Josiah and Hephzibah of Josiah and Eunice Rice, baptized. The Same Day likewise (October 12) Mary, the wife of Rev. Eli Forbush, Pastor of the 2nd Church in Brookfield, had, by Church Vote (according to her request) her Relation to us, transferred to said Church in Brookfield.

19. Anna-Sophia, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman, and Ebenezer and Hannah of Ebenezer and Lucy Forbush were baptized.

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November 23. The Lords Supper was administred.

30. Martha, of Bezeleel and Sarah Smith; Eleazar, of Solomon and Patience Woods; Josiah, of Stephen and Thankfull Maynard; Sarah, of Elijah and Sarah Rice, baptized.

December 21. Zeruiah, of Zebulun and Abigail Rice, baptized.

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February 22. 1756. Jacob, of Moses and Mary Twitchel, baptized.

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March 14. Mary Latiner was admitted to full Communion, and the Same Day The Lords Supper was administred.

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- 21. The Church was Stop'd after the Exercises, and passd the following Vote, Viz., That our Sister <u>Judith Bellows</u>, the wife of Brother Jonathan Bellows, be <u>Suspended</u> from the Communion and from all Other Special Privileges in this Church.
- N.B. Previous to the above Vote, a Paper was read in the Church, which was Signd by the Said Judith. Upon which the Pastor made sundry remarks And then desird the Brethren to Speak their Minds, if any one had anything to offer; otherwise it must be concluded the Church were ready to pass a Vote for her Suspension notwithstanding Said Paper, which was most evidently of no weight. But though Sufficient Time was given, no body Spake thereupon the Pastor proceeded to propose the Vote abovesaid and it passd in the Affirmative.
- April 4. Barnabas, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, baptized. And there was a Contribution for <u>James Allen</u>, of Hopkinton, who was burnt out. The Sum collected, when counted, was in old Tenor, £17.19.0, which may God gracously accept and bless!

Contribution for James Allen.

April 25. The Lords Supper was administred.

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- May 2. Samuel of John and Mercy Chamberlin, now of Stockbridge, was baptiz'd.
- 23. Thomas, of Barachias and Zerviah Morse (recommended by Mr. Barrett) was baptized.

June 6. The Sacrament was administred. Elizabeth, of Joseph and Sibyl Bruce, baptized.

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July 11. Winslow, of Levi and Susanna Brigham, baptized by Rev. Mr. Forbush.

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Contribution for Mr. Jotham Death.	September 19. We Contributed to the Relief of Mr. <u>Jotham Death</u> of Poquaoge (so called); which upon being counted, appeard to amount to £12.13.4 old Tenor which may God gracously accept of us and bless. N.B. The said Mr. Deaths Distress was by his being burnt out last May on Lords Day whilst he and his Family were attending the Public Worship.
Sacrament	26. The Lords Supper was administred.
	October 3. Samuel, of Samuel Williams, baptizd.
	Pastor then laid before them the present very distress state of the Parish by the holy Hand of God upon us in the Wasting Sickness and Mortality among us: and recommended the keeping a Day of Fasting and Prayer in the ensuing Week by divine Leave and Help. This being put to vote, it was clear in the Affirmative. Thursday next was proposd for the Day: and p.m. was recommended to the Congregation and their free Concurrences therein requested.
	Stephen, of Nathan and Lucy Maynard was baptized.
Parish Fast.	14. This day was observed by this church and People and Congregation as a Day of Fasting and Prayer as abovesaid. May God accept the Offering!
Sacrament	November 7. The Lords Supper was administred.
	December 26. James, of Benjamin and Martha Fay, baptized.
<u>1757.</u>	January 16. Timothy, of the Widow Elizabeth Rogers, baptized.
Church Meeting to elect another Deacon	27. The Church (having had seasonable Warning) met together to elect another Deacon in the room of our Brother <u>Jonathan Forbush</u> deceasd

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and first the meeting was opend by prayer. Then, It was put to vote

Whether the Church would proceed to the Choice of another Deacon as proposd.

It passd in the Affirmative, upon which the Brethren were desird to bring in their Votes for him, and

it appeard that Brother Simon Tainter was chosen.

The meeting was concluded with prayer and Blessing.

January 30. Stephen, of David and Lydia Batherick, baptized.

February 20. David, of Jonathan and Joanna Fay, baptized.

March 13. Lucy Parkman was admitted into full Communion — and the Lords Supper Sacrament was administred.

John, of Edwards and Sarah Whipple; Eleanor, of James junior and Elizabeth Miller baptized.

- 20. Elizabeth, of Ebenezer and Lucy Forbush, baptized.
- April 10. Eunice, of Timothy and Rebecca Warrin; Daniel, of Jonas and Lydia Twitchell; and Asa, of Artemas and Mary Bruce, baptized by Rev. Mr. Martyn.
- 24. <u>Ebenezer Parkman junior</u> and <u>Elizabeth</u> his Wife were admitted into full Communion with this Church, and the same Day the holy Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

May 1. Persis, of Samuel and Elizabeth Harrington; Joel, of Ebenezer and Sarah Maynard; and Ebenezer tertius, and Elizabeth and Mary, of Ebenezer junior and Elizabeth Parkman, were baptizd.

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May 8. Abagail, of David junior and Ann Maynard, baptized.

Sacrament June 5. The Lords Supper administred and Ebenezer of Jabez and Kezia Snow, baptized.

> 19. Stephen, of John and Ruth Belknap, members of the Church in Southborough, was baptizd on the right of the Mother (expressly), and Frederick, of Joshua and Abigail Lock, was baptized also, on the Mothers Right.

Sacrament July 17. The Lords Supper administred and a Letter from aggrieved Brethren in the Church of Leominster read and left to Consideration.

- 24. Josiah-Wood, of Benjamin and Hannah Tainter, baptized. This day (July 24) The Church was Stayd to act upon the Letter from Leominster. Complyance Voted. Voted 2 Delegates. Justice Baker one. Brother Nathaniel Whitney the other.
- 31. Thomas, of Thomas and Susanna Twitchel, baptized.
- August 21. Daniel of Daniel and Abigail Adams, baptized by the Rev. Mr. Martyn.

# Sacrament

28. The Lords supper administred.

P.M. Joseph Bowman was baptized and was admitted into Church Fellowship, and Joseph and Mary, Twins of Gershom and Mary Brigham, were baptizd.

September 25. The Church was Stayd and the Pastor consulted the Brethren about the Affair of his going to preach at Cumberland, the 3rd Sabbath in October, by which his own Pulpit must be vacant. A Vote was put, and it passd in the Affirmative.

# Sacrament October 9. The Lords supper was administred.

November 6. The Church was detaind on the Account of Brother Nathanael Whitneys failing to attend the Council on the Affair of the Church at Leominster, he being out of Health. The church voted

- 1. to Send another Delegate in his room.
- 2. Deacon Jonathan Bond to be the person.

At this time also our Brethren Nathan Ball and Jacob Rice, and our Sisters Mary Ball and Hannah Rice, their Wives, were

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dismissd and are to be recommended to the Church in the North part of Town.

November 20. The Lords Supper administred.

Sacrament

December 18. The Church was Stoppd to hear a Letter from the Second Church in Shrewsbury desiring our Assistance in Council, on Account of various Difficulitys which the Pastor and Church labour under; in particular with regard to his Subsistence among them. N.B. he had heretofore addressd the Quarter Sessions according to Law; and he exhibited a Complaint to the Church November 8 last, which being annexd to the Letter ,was read; in which he has these words "That the past Conduct and present State of this Parish are Such as afford me no Prospect of Peace and Comfort in the Ministry among you."

Letter from 2d Church in Shrewsbury not complyd with.

1758.

But when it was put to Vote, whether this Church would Comply with their Request, there was not a Major part that lifted up their Hands. So that Church were dismiss'd as usual.

January 1. 1758. Thankfull, of Stephen Maynard; and Jonathan, of Jonathan and Abigail Rolf, were baptized. N.B. Jonathan <u>Rolf</u> had ownd the Covenant in Middleton, and his Wife is a member of the Church in Concord.

8. Timothy, of Rueben and Dorothy Maynard baptized. N.B. They had ownd the Covenant in Shrewsbury 1. Church.

February 12. Hannah, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman, was baptiz'd. Also <u>Anna Green</u>, heretofore <u>Bradish</u>, was dismissd and to be recommended to the Church in Hardwick.

19. Mehitabel, of Moses and Mehitabel Brigham, baptiz'd.

March 5. The Church was Stayd and Robert Cooks Paper of acknowledgment was read, with his Addition to it. And after Some Debating upon

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the Matter, it was put to Vote whether what had been read was Satisfactory and they were willing to restore him to their Charity.

It passd in the Negative — for there was no vote, nor but one Hand lifted up.

Sacrament March 12. The Lords Supper was administred.

March 26. Daniel, of Daniel and Martha Warrin, and Antipas, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, baptized

Sacrament April 23. The Lords Supper was administred.

April 30. Joseph, of Solomon and Patience Woods, baptized.

May 28. Susanna, of Joseph and Sibyl Bruce; Mary, of Barachias and Zerviah Morse baptized.

Council at The church was Stopd and I read a Letter from the 2d Church in Sutton Requesting a North Council on June 13. Voted Compliance — that there be 2 Delegates.

Sutton. That Deacon Tainter be one.

That Deacon Bond be the Other.

Sacrament June 11. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament July 30. The Lords Supper was administred.

August 20. Josiah, of Levi and Susanna Brigham, baptized

September 10. Hannah, Wife of Ebenezer Miller, was admitted to full Communion. And Sacrament The Lord's Supper was administred.

Another Letter from North Sutton read October 1. Voted Complyance and that the Same Brethren, viz., the 2 Deacons, be the Delegates. Council to sit October 3. N.B. The Church was notifyed of it some time before and the Letter read.

October 15. Lydia (heretofore Bowman, now the wife of Solomon) <u>Matthews</u>, was baptized and was admitted into full Communion, with this Church.

Sacrament \_\_\_\_\_ 22. The Lord's Supper was administred.

29. Susanna, of Zebulun and Abigail Rice; and Elizabeth, of Alpheus and Elizabeth Newton baptized. N.B. The Mother of this last had ownd the Covenant at Brookfield (of which I had a Letter from Rev. Mr. Parsons, and it was read this Day to our Church).

Council at South-brough

November 12. A Letter from the Church in Southborough, desiring our Assistance in Council, read — the time appointed is the 28th instant.

Voted Compliance — that there be 2 Delegates. Voted Edward Baker Esq. be the first. Voted Brother Benjamin Fay be the other.

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November 19. Calvin, of Ebenezer and Sarah Maynard, and Moses, of Moses and Mary Twitchell baptized

December 10. Abner, of Ebenezer and Hannah Miller, baptized by Rev. Mr. Stone of Southborough.

January 28. Betty, of Joshua and Abigail Lock, was baptiz'd, on the mothers Account.

1759.

March 11. Administred the Sacrament of the Supper of the Lord.

Sacrament

April 22. Mehehabel, of Benjamin and Martha Fay, baptized.

29. The Lord's Supper was administred and Abijah, of Abijah and Abigail Gale, baptized.

Sacrament

June 10. The Lords Supper was administred and Jonathan, of Ebenezer and Joanna Chamblerlin, baptized.

Sacrament

N.B. Before the Administration of the Communion to Day John Belknap and his Wife, members of the Church of Christ in Southborough, and Mary Pratt, a member of the Church in Lexington, being dismissd to us, were admitted into full Communion here.

July 29. Administred the Lord's Supper.

Sacrament

September 9. Administred the Lord's Supper.

Sacrament Before the administration Mary (the wife of Joseph junior) Knowlton was admitted into the Church.

- 23. Lydia, of David and Lydia Batherick, and Huldah, of James junior and Elizabeth Millar baptized.
- 30. Lucy, of Nathan and Lucy Maynard baptized.

December 2. Administred the Lord's Supper.

Sacrament

16. Stephen, of Stephen and Anne Maynard, baptized.

January 13, 1760. Joanna, Wife of Jonathan Fay, was admitted into the Church. And the Same Day contributed to the Relief of Mr. <u>Jonathan Morse</u> of Shrewsbury, whose Distress was by Fire. N.B. The sum gatherd was £6.2.0. Lawfull money or £45.15.0. old Tenor.

1760. Contribution for Mr. Jonathan Morse. \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Elijah, of Artemas and Mary Bruce, baptizd.

February 3. Joseph and Martha Baker were admitted into Church Fellowship.

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February 17. John, of Joseph and Martha Baker, baptized.

Letter from the Church in Cold Spring. Not complyed with. 24. A Letter from the Church in <u>Cold Spring</u> Signd by Rev. <u>Justus Forward</u>, dated <u>January</u> 16 last, was read: It being, for substance, to acquaint us, that there were Difficultys arising among them, which they could not Settle among themselves; and to desire our Assistance in Council etc. But when it was put to Vote, whether the Church would comply with the request of Said Letter, it was not a Vote — but few Hands appearing. The Pastor requested the Brethren to let him know <u>why</u> they did not Vote. No answer being given, he repeated his Request; that he might know what Reason to send, in answer to the Letter. But none was renderd.

N.B. The Letter was directed to Me as Pastor <u>of the Church</u>, not of the <u>first Church</u> etc. It was also requested <u>one Delegate</u>. But I can't tell that those were the Reasons.

The Pastor also laid before the Church the Desire of Robert Cook, that the Church would recommend his Wife, that so his Children might be baptizd.

Voted affirmatively.

Then the Church was dismissd with the Blessing.

# Sacrament March 16. Sacrament.

April 20. Mary Walker, wife of Josiah Walker, heretofore Chattuck, being settled at Houssatonnoc No. 4 and having desird a Dismission to the Church there; and Ruth Sibley, heretofore Bradish, now wife of Nathaniel Sibley of Sutton, having desird She might be dismissd to the first Church there, the Request of each of them was voted.

April 27. Thaddeus Warrin and Abagail his Wife, confessing the sin of Fornication, and owning the Covenant, were by Church Vote, restord to Charity and their Child, Abigail, was baptizd.

Sacrament May 4. The Lords Supper was administred.

25. Joseph, of Joseph and Eunice Rice, baptized.

June 15. Mary Chase, the wife of Thomas Chase

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was admitted into Church Fellowship.

The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

P.M. Mary and Hannah, Children of the foresaid Mary Chase, were baptizd.

June 22. The Brethren of the Church were Stayed after the Exercises. The Pastor proposd to them the Desire of Hezekiah How and his Wife, to have two of their Grand-Children baptizd on their account. They are the children of their late son Noah, deceasd, the Mother also being deceasd: and the Said How and his Wife having taken these Children into their own Care, and are willing to be under Obligation (under God) to bring them up, or have them brought up according to the Rules of Christianity. The Church voted in Compliance with their Request.

Also the Pastor consulted the Church upon the Difficult Case of the Child of John and Jane-King Maynard; Joseph Joslin and his wife having taken the Child to bring it up, and desird Baptism for it. This was left to further Consideration. It was furthermore proposd that the Church would Consider what Delinquencys there are among the Members — and many of those who have ownd the Covenant — And how the Church will exercise their Watch over the Children of the Covenant. The Pastor recommended to Choose a Committee of the Church to make Enquiry into the Conduct of Communicants and others. But, as this had not heretofore been done among us, it was left to Consideration.

July 6. <u>Hezekiah</u> and <u>Elizabeth How</u> Stood before the Church and Congregation and <u>Solemnly promised</u> that they would take faithfull Care of the Education of their two Grand Children, Viz., <u>Thankfull</u> and <u>Mary How</u>, Children of the late <u>Noah How</u> deceasd; that they Should, by Gods Assistance, be brought

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up in the Knowledge and Fear of God both that Child which would be more immediately under their own Eye, and likewise that which would be put out to Some others. The Children were thereupon baptizd. At the Same Time, Lydia of Barachias and Zeruviah Morse, was baptized also.

July 20. Daniel of Jonas and Persis Brigham, and Asa, of Ebenezer and Lucy Forbush, baptizd. The Church was Stopd after the Public Exercises (after some Time of consideration, See June 22) and debated a while upon the Affair of appointing a Committee to assist in inspecting the Morals of the Communicants. It was agreed to send a Committee to Mr. Samuel Fay junior to enquire into the Reasons of his Conduct in absenting himself from the Seals of the Covenant and frequently from even the word also. The Church voted that there be a Committee for this purpose. That the Number be Three.

That Brother <u>Nathaniel Whitney</u> be one. Brother Daniel Forbush, be another. And Brother Ebenezer Chamberlin be the 3d.

The Affair of John Maynards Child was further deferred, very different minds arising about it. The Church was dismissd with a Blessing.

23. The Church was Stayd to hear the Report of the Committee aforesaid. The Report was read — various Debates ensued. It was movd, by one Hand, to have it put to Vote, whether the Church would accept of Mr. Fay hereupon? It was urgd, on the other Hand, that they, at least he that Spake, was not ready to vote on it. Hereupon it was proposd to vote first whether the Church would now act upon the affair? But it was requested that the Vote might rather be, whether the Church would not Suspend acting upon it at the present? It passd that they would. Accordingly the Church was dismissd, with the Blessing.

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27. Solomon and Sarah Baker admitted into the Church.

The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

Ebenezer, of John and Ruth Belknap, and Sarah, of Solomon and Sarah Baker baptized

August 3. Moses, of Moses and Persis Warrin, baptized

30. Mindwell, of Levi and Susanna Brigham; Joanna, Jonathan and Joanna Fay baptized

And Sarah, wife of Cornelius Biglow junior was admitted into Church Fellowship.

September 7. Asahel and Lucy, of Cornelius jujnior and Sarah Biglow, were baptized by the Rev. Mr. John Martyn.

10. After the Lecture the Church met upon the Affairs which had heretofore been Mentiond to them and left to Consideration, viz., <u>First</u>, relating to <u>John</u> and <u>Jane-King Maynard's</u> Child, taken to be brought up by <u>Joseph</u> and <u>Katharine Joslin</u>. It was proposd to the Church whether that Child Should be baptizd on the account of those mentiond Foster Parents, and it passd in the Affirmative.

Secondly, The affair of Mr. Samuel Fay junior his Delinquincy. After Some Debates, it was voted that the Same Committee that went to him before go again, and the Pastor with them to See whether there was any misunderstanding before; and whether they can't be instrumental to effect a Reconcilement and bring him to his Duty. Then the Church was dismissd with Blessing.

N.B. This meeting was notifyed by the Rev. Mr. Martyn last Lords Day, at the Desire of the Pastor.

14. The Lords Supper was administred. And Joseph Joslin and Katherine his Wife Stood before

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the Assembly; and it being Solemnly put to them whether they would take Special and peculiar Care of the Education of the Child which they had <u>taken</u> and now presented to Baptism (the Daughter of John and Jane-King <u>Maynard</u>), that is, to bring it up in the Nuture and Admonition of the Lord? And they, both of them, consenting thereto, as engaging it, the Child was baptizd, by the name of Martha. Also

Daniel, of Ebenezer and Sarah Maynard, baptized.

The Church at <u>Cold-Spring</u> has again writ to this Church desiring our Assistance in Ecclesiastical Council there. Their letter was read to the Church — but the Affair was left to Consideration.

September 21. This was the Day in which the Affair of <u>Cold-Spring</u> Should have been transacted. The Church was Stopd, but there were not So many at the Meeting as if it had been a fair Day, and therefore the Brethren were askd whether they were o' Mind to go on now, or would defer the transacting the <u>Cold-Spring</u> Affair to another Time? There was in the Votes a Tie. The Pastor was therefore obligd to adjourn, and this was done to the next Wednesday 3 p.m.

24. One motive to adjourning the Church meeting was the Hope of more to attend, yet it so fell out that there were less. But the Bus'ness could not be deferrd any longer. The Request of the Church in Cold-Spring was Voted to be complyd with, unanimously.

Voted that the Number of Delegates be 2. Voted that Brother <u>Edwards Whipple</u> be one.

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It was proposd to reconsider the Vote aforesaid (that the Number be two). This was Voted; and that the Church is Satisfyd with Sending one Member on this Occasion.

The meeting finishd with the Blessing.

October 19. Stephen, of Benjamin and Hannah Tainter baptized

26. Sarah, of Elijah and Sarah Rice, baptized, and Thomas Twitchell, Joseph Grout and Sarah his wife, and Rebecca Hardy, were admitted into full Communion with this Church. Likewise Eunice Cook, wife of Cornelius Cook, was dismissd, and to be recommended to the Second Church of Christ in Wrentham.

November 2. The Lord's Supper was administred. Joseph, Benjamin and William of Joseph and Sarah Grout were baptizd. And Sarah, of Cornelius and Sarah Biglow, also.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. Melliscent, of Joseph and Sibyl, Bruce, baptizd.

January 18, 1761, was baptizd Elias, of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman.

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February 22. Jeremiah, of Moses and Mary Twitchell, baptized

March 1. The Church was Stopd, and the Pastor acquainted them that as to the Difference there had been between him and Brother <u>Samuel Fay</u>, it was so far brought to an End, that they had mutually given their Hands, and now it remaind to see whether the Church would restore him (Said Brother <u>Fay</u>) to their Charity and admitt him again to Special Ordinances. After a short Space it was put to Vote, and it passd in the affirmative by a majority of 13 out of 24. But it was what I could not but greatly wonder at; and fear the Consequence.

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March 8. Ebenezer, of Moses and Mehitabel Brigham, and Jane, of Jonathan and Abigail Rolf baptized.

March 15. The Brethren of the Church were stopd, and the Pastor informd them that he had received a Petition for a church-meeting Signd by 10, to desire that the late Church Vote Might be reconsiderd: but as he would do everything that might Preserve Peace and Harmony in the Church, he would consult the Church upon it, and having their Concurrence in what is done. Their Silence consenting that the Request Should be answered, and accordingly A Church Meeting was appointed to be next Tuesday, 1 p.m.

March 17. The Church Met in pursuance of the forementiond appointment: but Brother <u>Samuel Fay</u>, though Seasonbly Sent to by the Pastor and notifyed, did not come. A Number of the Brethren movd to have the Vote of March the first reconsiderd, agreeable to the Request of the Petition for the meeting and Several Brethren who assisted in passing that Vote, said that, upon Reflection, they conceiv'd the Church were too Sudden in their then voting, and would be glad, for their parts, that it might be reconsiderd. After which,

It was put to Vote, then, thus

Brethren if it be your Minds to re-consider the Vote of March 1, Concerning restoring Brother Samuel Fay and admitting him to special Ordinances, please to manifest it. It passd in the Affirmative by 18 out of 21.

After this it was Enquired into, What reasons has Brother <u>Fay</u> given for his long delinquincy? In answer to which, the Report of the Committee (of last July) was read, and it was put to vote, whether those Reasons were Satisfactory? It passd in the Negative.

Then the meeting was adjournd to tomorrow come sennight after Lecture (for the Church desird that the Communion might not be delay'd any longer). Concluded with Prayer, and the Blessing.

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July 12. Katharine, Ebenezer and Azuba, Children of Phinehas and Azuba Gleason, who

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ownd the Covenant at Framingham, baptized

Sacrament August 2. The Lord's Supper administred.

16. Anna, of Samuel Fay, baptized

Fast on secount of the Drought.

August 23. The Church was Stopd at Noon. Voted unanimously that Wednesday next be kept by us, by divine leave, as a Day of Fasting and prayer on Consideration of the divine Frowns in the grievous Drought, which we have long been under: to humble ourselves under the holy Dispensation of God towards his people, to Supplicate Pardon, and to beg the out-pouring of His holy Spirit upon us: And on Consideration of the <u>present</u> Favour of Heaven in the Plentiful Rain <u>now</u> vouchsafd, to render hearty Thanks and Praise to our most compassionate God and Saviour therefor.

P.M. Asa of Daniel and Abigail Adams, baptizd.

N.B. The above Vote of the Church was communicated to the Assembly (p.m.) who were invited and desird to join with us in the religious observing the Fast thereby appointed.

26. Was observed as a Day of Fasting and Prayer, agreeable to the Church vote of the 23, but in too imperfect a manner. May God graciously overlook and pardon our Defects! And in His infinite Goodness Accept our humiliations and Addresses for Jesus Sake!

Sacrament September 13. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament October 25. The Lords Supper was administred.

November 1. Benjamin, of Samuel Junior and Rachel Hardy, the Said Rachel having ownd the Covenant at Marlborough (as Certifyed by Rev. Mr. Smith), was baptizd.

Sacrament December 6. Administred the Lords Supper.

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1762. January 3. 1762. Thankfull, Daughter of Daniel and Mary Forbes; and Ephraim, son of Artemas and Mary Bruce, baptized.

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And Lucy Baldwin, heretofore Parkman, now Wife of Jeduthun Baldwin, having desird Dismission to the Church in Brookfield, whereof the Rev. Mr. Eli Forbes is Pastor, her Request was voted.

February 14. Lucy, of Moses and Persis Warrin, baptized

28. Sally, of Joseph and Martha Baker, baptized

March 14. Lydia, of Solomon and Sarah Baker, baptized

21. Barnabas, of James and Elizabeth Miller, baptized, as was Martha, of John Pratt, who had ownd the Covenant at Hopkinton.

The same Day the Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

28. Jesse, of Ebenezer Maynard, baptizd.

April 11. David, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, baptized

May 2. Barnabas and Eunice Newton, appearing before the Assembly, confessd the sin of Fornication, and ownd the Covenant; they were by vote of the Church restord to Charity. and their Child, Hannah was baptiz'd.

May 9. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper administred

Sacrament

16. David, of Barachias and Zerviah Morse, baptized

June 20. The Lords Supper was administred.

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A Letter from the first Church in Shrewsbury requesting the Assistance of this Church in the Ordination of Mr. Joseph Sumner, on the 23 instant, read. The Church voted Compliance.

Ordination

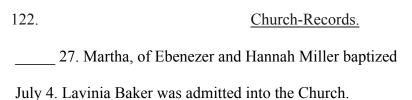
That Two be the Number of the Delegates.

That Brother Whitney be one.

That Deacon Bond be the other.

Were dismissd with the Blessing.

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- 11. It was proposd to the Church to consider the sore Judgment of God in the Drought, and considering that there is no Public Fast appointed, nor was it known that there would be, it was proposd to keep the next Thursday, as a Day of Fasting and Prayer on the mentiond Account and it was Voted in the Affirmative. It was also desird that the Congregation would concur in it, which was manifested by their Silence. The Pastor also mentiond it that he Should expect the Assistance of his Rev. Brethren in the Ministry, in carrying on the Service.
- 14. The Pastor receiving a proclamation for a Day of Prayer to be on the 28 instant, and several Messages Sent him by neighbouring ministers that they could not assist, and having reason to doubt of most of the Rest, he took advice of Such as he could consult on the Occasion; who all were of the mind that it was best to put it by; he accordingly Sent messengers and messages into every part of the Parish to notify People universally that it was: And wrote Letters where they were needfull to the Same Purpose. For the Foundation being removd, it was conceived that what was built thereon, of consequence fell.

Sacrament August 8. The Lords Supper was administred.

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- 22. Martha, the Wife of John Beton; and Sarah, the Wife of Seth Morse, were admitted into the Church.
- September 5. Elizabeth, of Seth and Sarah Morse, baptized.
- 26. The Lords Supper was administred.
  P.M. James Bowman was baptizd, and Submit, of Thaddeus and Abigail Warrin, and Martha, of Ebenezer and Lucy Forbes, were also. And the Said James Bowman and Mary his Wife were admitted into full Communion.

October 24. Samuel Forbush (or Forbes) Junior and Abigail his Wife were admitted into full Communion.

31. Rufus, Isaac, Abigail and Lydia, Children of Samuel junior and Abigail Forbes, were baptized.

November 7. John, Anna, Martha, Thomas and William, Children of Martha Beton, were baptized, as on this Day likewise, the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

Sacrament

- 28. Edmund Rice and Hannah his Wife ownd the Covenant and the latter was admitted into the Church.
- December 5. Simeon, Edmund, Hannah and Dorothy, Children of Edmund and Hannah Rice, were baptized.
  - 12. The Lords Supper administred.

Sacrament

January 9. Ebenezer, of Joseph and Sarah Grout, baptizd.

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16. Jeffery Amherst, of Stephen and Anne Maynard, was baptizd, as were Elizabeth, of Phinehas and Azuba Gleason, and Lydia, of James and Mary Bowman

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March 13. Susanna, of Edmund and Hannah Rice, and Catharina, of Cornelius junior and Sarah Boglow, were baptized, and

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Seth Morse was admitted into full Communion. On the 20th the Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred.

- April 3. Priscilla Rice, Daughter of Zebulun Rice, offerd her Confession of the Sin of Fornication, and the Church voted her Restoration.
  - 10. Daniel, of Daniel and Persis Forbes, baptizd.

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- May 1. Adam and Lois Rice were admitted into Church Fellowship: and the Lords supper was administred.
- 8. Nahum of Jonathan and Joanna Fay, Samuel of Benjamin and Hannah Tainter, and Elizabeth, of Adam and Lois Rice, were baptized.
- 29. Deliverance Fay offerd her Confession of the Sin of Fornication and her Relation of her Faith and Experiences and was restord to the Churchs Charity and admitted into the Church.

Rhoda and Sarah Fay (Daughters of Jeduthun Fay) ownd the Covenant and were baptizd. Jonas, of Jonas Bradish was also baptizd.

Sacrament June 12. The Lords Supper was administred.

Seth and Sarah Morse having a Foster Child committed to their Care, and their Desire to have it baptizd, having been layd before the Church the last Lords Day and no objection arising, they Stood before

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the Congregation, and the Question was Put to them whether they did each of them Solemnly engage to take Special Care of this Child, which they now presented, to bring her up (by divine grace) in the good Knowledge and Fear of the Lord? To which They, each of them manifesting their Consent, the Child was baptiz'd. The name given was <u>Sarah</u>.

A Contribution was made for the Relief of <u>Patrick Shay</u> of Hopkinton, who was burnt out.

The Contribution amounted to £16.9.32. old Tenor.

June 19. David and Ann Maynards Desire that a foster-Child committed to their Care, might be baptized, having been propounded to the Church, last Lords Day was Sennight; and No Objection offerd against it, it was this Day brought; and they, each of them Solemnly promising before the Assembly to bring it up (by Divine Grace) in the Fear and the good Knowledge of the Lord, it was baptized - the Name, <u>Daniel</u>.

Pricilla Rice was admitted into the Church and her Child was baptizd. The Name Francis.

July 3. Molly, Daughter of Deliverance Fay, was baptiz'd.

24. Sarah Parkman was admitted into full Communion with the Church.

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27. The Case of <u>Peletiah Metcalfe</u>, who lies in a dangerous Languishment, was laid before the Church; and he having been last Lords Day propounded in order to his joining in full Communion with this Church, and his illness was mentiond, and that it was very unlikely that he would continue to our usual Time for Persons in Health; But now his Distemper greatly increasing upon him, (after Lecture) the Church voted to adjourn to the House of Brother Benjamin Hills, where the Said Metcalf resides and is confind, that we may attend upon his profession of Religion and his admission into the Church; and to resort there immediately after the Blessing is given, our Custom in this Church of persons Standing propounded, ordinarily a fortnight, notwithstanding.

The Church accordingly repaird to said Brother <u>Hills</u> — and the abovementioned <u>Pelatiah Metcalf</u> was admitted to the Church by an unanimous Vote.

Sacrament

31. The Lords Supper was administred.

August 14. John, of Barnabas and Eunice Newton, baptizd by Rev. Mr. Martyn.

31. The Church were stopd in Complyance with the Request of a Number of the Brethren, exhibited in a paper signd by,

John Belknap
Ebenezer Chamberlin
Daniel Forbush and
Abijah Gale and in behalf of Several Others, who were consenting to it.

The purpose thereof was to have the Church Confer

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upon what has been for Some Time proposd to us concerning the <u>Posture</u> in which we ought to perform that part of public Worship, viz., <u>Singing the praises of God</u>: whether Sitting as has been the Custom, or standing up, as is thought most reverent, and therefore most acceptable to the great God? 28 members present.

After some Conference, and the Pastor reading (by Request of the above mentiond Brethren) several Papers containing his mind; and Answering several Objections which have been raisd against <u>standing</u>, the matter was deferr'd, for the present for further Consideration till the Next Lecture Day, to which Time the meeting is adjournd.

The Blessing being given, we departed.

September 4. Administred the Lords Supper.

Sacrament

- 18. Moses, of Thomas Frost, was baptized.
- 25. Mary, of Samuel and Elizabeth Fay, baptized.

The Church Stayd after Lecture according to desire to See what the Churchs mind was about standing up to Sing: but there was not a Vote for it.

October 16. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

23. Coollidge, of Samuel junior and Abigail Forbush, was baptized.

November 27. Constantine Hardy was admitted into Church-Fellowship, as was also Joshua Kendal, the last being dismissd from the first Church of Christ in Suffield.

December 4. The Lords supper was administred.

Sacrament

Mindwell, of Constantine and Jemima Hardy, baptized.

The Church was Stopt and a Letter form the people of <u>Wilton</u> was read. Therein they Request Assistance in gathering a Church and ordaining Mr. <u>Jonathan Livermore</u> their Pastor, on the 14 instant. Voted approbation and Compliance if providence give Leave. But it being above 40 miles off, and at Such a season, it is uncertain whether we can attend.

Ordination of Mr.
Jonathan
Livermore.

25. Edmund and Sarah Brigham having ownd the Covenant at Southborough, their son Samuel was baptized.

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- 1764. January 8. Timothy, of Ebenezer and Sarah Maynard, was baptized.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Seth, of Barachias and Zerviah Morse baptized.
  - February 5. Jonathan and Hannah Grout were admitted into Church Fellowship.
  - 12. Jemima, wife of Constantine Hardy was admitted to the Church, as was Martha How, after She had humbly confessd the Breach of the Seventh Commandment and was restord to Charity. The Same Day,

Jonathan, of Jonathan and Hannah, Grout baptized.

- 19. Susanna, of Martha How, baptized.
- March 11. Elizabeth Beals was admitted into Church Fellowship, and Sacrament

  The Lords Supper was administred.
  - 18. Martha, of Joseph and Martha Baker, baptized.

April 8. John Bowker and Tryphena his Wife, having ownd the Covenant at Leicester etc. as appeard by a Certificat, presented their young Child, which was baptized — the Name Persis. And

Nathaniel of James and Mary Bowman, baptized

13. The Church met, by appointment for several Reasons. <u>First</u>, a Letter from Rev. Mr. <u>John Cleaveland</u> of Chebacco was read together with a Letter from the Pastor which occasiond it. Debates upon the Affair which was the subject matter of it — But no vote was passed about it.

<u>Secondly</u>, Several Letters from one Mrs. <u>Hannah Child</u>, requesting a Contribution, but no one Member encouragd it.

<u>Thirdly</u>, Mention was made of Mr. Jonathan Cook's Desire of privilege, whereas he belongs to another Church and is under Dealing there.

A Vote was passd that there Should be a Contribution of the Church for better furnishing the Communion Table.

As the Church-Meeting was opend with Prayer, so it was ended with a prayer, and the Blessing.

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\_\_\_\_ 22. The Lords Supper was administred. Sacrament

Robert-Breck, Son of Stephen and Anne Maynard, and Thankfull, of Elijah Rice, baptized.

- May 6. Persis, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, baptized
- 27. Isaac Miller was admitted into the Church, and Sibyl, of Joseph and Sibyl Bruce; Hannah, of John and [*blank*] Pratt;<sup>28</sup> and Phinehas-Gleason, of Isaac and Abigail Miller, were baptiz'd.
- June 3. The Lords Supper was administred.

  Aaron, of Seth and Sarah Morse baptized.

Sacrament

The Church was Stopped and Two letters were read, one from Rev. Mr. Wigglesworth of Ipswich Hamlet, the other from Messrs. Samuel Chandler and John Rogers of Gloucester, to the Pastor relative to Mr. Cleavelands late Letter. See May 13.

- 10. Lavinia, of Artemas and Mary Bruce, baptized.
- July 1. Isabel, of Isaac Miller, baptizd by the Rev. Mr. Stone.
  - 8. Dorothy of Moses and Persis Warrin, was baptizd.
  - 15. The Lords Supper was administred.

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- August 5. Joseph, of Rev. Joseph and Lavinia Bowman, was baptized by Rev. Mr. Bowman, himself the forementiond Father.
- 12. Hannah Rice, the Wife of Adonijah Rice, was admitted into Church-Fellowship.
- 19. Caleb, of James junior and Elizabeth Miller, baptized, and Sarah, Widow of the late James Ball, was dismissed and to be recommended to the Second Church in this Town.
  - 26. The Lords Supper was administred

Sacrament

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup>Hannah, dau. John and Sarah Pratt, b. Mar. 21, 1764; WVR, 85.

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and Hannah, Prudence, Anna, Samuel, Adonijah and Sarah, Children of Adonijah and Hannah Rice; Lucy, of Ebenezer and Lucy Forbush; and William, of Adam and Lois Rice, baptized.

September 16. Sarah, of Edwards and Sarah Whipple, baptized.

- 23. Hannah, of Ebenezer and Hannah Miller, baptized
- \_\_\_\_ 30. A Petition of <u>Benjamin Mixer</u>, Guardian of <u>Joseph Joslin</u>, a minor, who has been long exercised with sickness and sores, to the exhausting of his Substance, for a Contribution for his Relief; read to the Congregation.

Letter concerning the Ordination of Mr. Nathan Stone

The Church was Stoped to communicate a Letter from the East Church in <u>Yarmouth</u> desiring Assistance of the Pastor and Messenger from this Church in the Ordination of Mr. <u>Nathan Stone</u> junior, October 17 next.

Voted compliance.

Voted that Deacon Bond be the Messenger from the Church on that Occasion. October 3. The Church Stoped at the Request of Deacon Bond, who was excusd from going as above —and Chose Brother <u>Gale</u>.

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October 7. The Lords supper administred.

At Brother Gale's Request the Church was stayd and he also desird to be excusd from going to the mentiond Ordination. His Reason for it was accepted, and <u>Deacon Tainter</u> was chose to go in his stead.

Letter from Westmor-land.

28. A Letter was read to the Church, from <u>Westmorland</u>, desiring assistance in the Ordination of Mr. <u>William Goddard</u>: but it is too far, considering how lately we have been a great Journey, but especially this Ordination must interfere with one we are more nearly concernd in: And therefore when Compliance was put to Vote, there was no Hand.

From Oxford.

Another Letter was also read, viz., from the Church in <u>Oxford</u>, desiring our Assistance in the Installment of the Rev. Mr. <u>Bowman</u>. Compliance Voted. Two Delegates, viz., Squire Whipple and Mr. Daniel Forbush.

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November 11. The Request of the Rev. Mr. <u>Joseph Bowman</u> to have his Relation to this Church transferrd to the Church in <u>Oxford</u>, Voted; and that he be recommended.

- 25. Amity and Hananiah, Children of Simon and Bridget Newton, who had ownd the Covenant (as they inform me), one at Bedford and the other at Southborough. But acknowledgd their neglect of their Duty as to the Baptism of their Children and that they were sorry for it. And if (because of the Distance of Bedford) a Certificat be insisted for; yet it was requested it might be done on the womans Account, Rev. Mr. Stone having given (orally) his Testimony concerning her. It was proposd to the Church and no Objection.
  - N.B. The Lords Supper had been administred the same Day.

Sacrament

December 16. Sarah, of Edmund and Hannah Rice, baptized.

January 13, 1765. Hannah, of Jonathan and Hannah Grout, baptized.

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- 20. Seth, of Joseph and Sarah Grout, baptized.
- 27. Ephraim-Brigham, of Elijah and Martha Hardy, baptized.
- February 3. John Wood and Martha his Wife were admitted into full Communion.
  - 10. Molly, of Jonathan and Martha Wood, baptized.
  - 17. Aaron, of David junior and Persis Forbes, baptized.

March 17. Sacrament of the Supper administred. Hannah, of Benjamin and Hannah Sacrament Tainter; Sarah, of Edmund and Sarah Brigham baptized.

April 14. Josiah of Phinehas and Azubah Gleason, baptized.

April 18. Contribution for Deacon Charles Woods of Warwick. Gatherd 30£ 2d old Tenor which was deliverd him April 25 of which he gave a Receipt.

28. The Lords Supper was administred.

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May 12. John Forbes and Susanna his Wife offerd their Confessions of the Sin of Fornication and were restord to Charity; ownd the Covenant and their Children Sarah and John were baptiz'd.

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June 9. The Lords Supper administred.

July 14. Amasa, of Cornelius junior and Sarah Biglow, was baptiz'd.

Sacrament

28. The Sacrament of Lords Supper was administred.

August 4. Winslow, of Hananiah and Abigail Parker, baptized.

18. Ezra, of Samuel and Elizabeth Fay, and Amasa, of Joseph and [blank] Morse baptized.<sup>29</sup> N.B. These last parents had ownd the Covenant at Hopkinton.

Sacrament

September 8. The Lords Supper was administred.

29. Samuel of Barachias and Zerviah Morse, baptized.

October 6. Molly, of James and Mary Bowman, baptized. John Cushing was admitted to full Communion with this Church.

Ordination at Westminster The Church was Stayd to hear and act upon a Letter from the Church of Christ in Westminster containing Request to assist in the Ordination of Mr. <u>Asaph Rice</u> on October 16th.

Voted Compliance with the Request.

Voted that two be the Number of Delegates.

Voted that Brother Daniel Hardy be one.

Voted that Brother Zebulun Rice be the other.

The Blessing concluded.

Sacrament

October 20. Administred the Lords Supper.

November 10. Luther, of Ebenezer and Sarah Maynard baptized.

17. John, of Adonijah and Hannah Rice, baptized.

N.B. A Fast was proposd on Consideration of the present Distresses in the Colonys; and Consented to. It was accordingly appointed to be next Wednesday come Sennight.

27. Was observd as a Fast in this Parish. Rev. Mr. <u>Stone</u> of Southborough prayd and preachd a.m. His Text was Ps. 96:10-12. Rev. Mr. <u>Sumner</u> prayd and preachd p.m. His Text was Josh. 7:13. The Lord Accept our Offering!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup>Amasa, s. Joseph and Jemima Morse, b. Aug. 12, 1765; WVR, 76.

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December 1. The Lords Supper was administred.

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January 26, 1766. Hannah, of Joseph and Martha Baker, was baptizd.

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February 2. Prudence, of Elijah and Prudence Rice, baptiz'd.

23. William Parkman was admitted to full Communion.

March 16. Lucy, wife of Moses Sever, was admitted into full Communion.

23. The Lords Supper was administred. Sarah, of Samuel jujior and Abigail Forbes baptized.

Sacrament

A Letter bearing date, <u>Rutland District</u>, March 11, 1766, signd by <u>John Caldwell</u> and 12 more, brethren of the Church there, requesting assistance in Council on April 2 next, on account of Difficultys among them having been read last Lords Day, and left to Consideration, was now read again; and it was put to the Brethren to manifest whether they would comply with the Request of Said Letter; but there was no Vote.

April 27. Joseph, of Capt. Jonas and Persis, Brigham, baptized by Rev. Mr. Stone in the Pastors absence.

May 4. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

June 1. Benjamin-Lazedell, of John and Mastha Wood, baptizd.

15. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

29. Martha, of Thomas and Martha Temple was baptized at their House. The Child being judgd to be just departing. A Number of the Church and other Neighbours were present. The woman had ownd the Covenant at Framingham and enjoyd privilege there. This was certifyd by Rev. Mr. Bridge, Pastor. N.B. The child revivd a little, but expird before night.

July 27. The Lords Supper was administred.

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- August 3. Aaron, of Isaac Miller, baptized.
  - 10. Charles, of Benjamin and Elizabeth Fay, baptized.
- 24. Thankfull Rice, wife of Josiah Rice, was dismissed to the Church in Northborough. And Mrs. Lavinia Bowman, Spouse of the Rev. Mr. Joseph Bowman, was dismissed to the Church in Oxford.
  - 31. Abner, of Ebenezer and Lucy Forbush, baptized.

Sacrament

- September 7. The Lords Supper administred and Moses, of Phinehas and Azuba Gleason, baptized.
  - 28. Mary, the Wife of Solomon Miller, was admitted into Church Fellowship, and Joseph, of Moses and Mehetabel Brigham was baptizd.
- October 5. Elizabeth of Edmund and Sarah Brigham, baptized.

The Brethren were stopd and a Letter signd <u>Eunice Andrews</u>, dated October 2, was read, and agreeable to the Request therein, a Church-meeting was appointed to be on the 17th instant, God willing, after Lecture.

Church Meeting on account of Mrs. Andrews October 17. Church met according to appointment. Mrs. <u>Andrews's</u> Letter was again read. But She not being present it was thought best to adjourn the meeting. It was accordingly adjournd, by divine leave, to the first Thursday in November (which will be the 6th Day) and Brother <u>Gale</u> is desird to notifie Mrs. Andrews that She is expected to attend at that time.

19. Francis Whipple junior offerd a Confession of his breaking the 7th Commandment and was restord to Charity.

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He was also admitted into Church Fellowship, as were Ezekiel Smith and Ruth his Wife. The Lords supper was administerd, and Sarah, Jacob, Olive, and Mary, Children of Solomon and Mary Miller, and Ephraim of Moses and Lucy Sever; also Abner, of Francis junior and Priscilla Whipple were baptized.

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November 2. <u>Robert-Breck</u>, of Stephen and Anne <u>Maynard</u>, was baptizd, as were Lucy and Sarah, of Ezekiel and Ruth Smith.

November 6. The Church met by adjournment. The Meeting was opend by Prayer, and those passages in ch. X of the platform were read, which Shew the Power of the Eldership and privileges of the Brotherhood, together with the Rules of a Church-Meeting. The Business of the Meeting was laid open — namely, 1. to consider the Request of Eunice Andrews to be admitted (as Member of the church in Ipswich of which etc.) to transient Communion with this. 2. to see if the Church will not take some more Special Care, than has been of late years, of the Children of the Covenant and of those who have ownd the Covenant.

1. As to the <u>First</u>, viz., <u>Eunice Andrews's Request</u> (which was again read to the Church), although the Church was adjournd on purpose to have the Woman present; and Brother <u>Gale</u>, as sent to her to notifie her, Said he had done it; yet She was absent — so that we could not have her to answer to her Petition. It was declard that She was <u>designedly</u> absent, and was gone on a Journey. It was also testifyed that though She had requested Communion with us, yet that She said She would not come, if her request was voted by the Church etc. Upon the whole, after much Debate concerning her, and the society She came from, it was put to vote,

Whether her Petition Should be dismissd? It passd in the Affirmative by a pritty full majority.

2. As to the <u>other article</u>, it was proposd to the Church and Urgd and pressd upon them. Somewhat was answerd — But it was late.

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Prayer and the Blessing concluded the Meeting.

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November 30. The Lords Supper administred.

December 14. Samuel of Joseph and Sarah Grout, baptized.

28. Phebe, of James and Elizabeth Miller, and Nehemiah, of Ebenezer and Hannah Miller baptized.

Letter concerning the Ordination of Mr. Fessenden

The Brethren of the Church were stoped, and a Letter was communicated to them from the Church and Inhabitants of <u>Walpole</u> in New-Hampshire, bearing Date November 29, 1766, requesting Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. Thomas <u>Fessenden</u>, on January 7 next. But when it was put to Vote whether the Church would comply with their Request, it passed in the Negative by Reason of the great Distance and Rigor of the Season.

Our Brother Moses Twitchel having removed to the Eastward, to a place called New Boston, and desiring that he and his Wife may be dismissed to the Church in New Gloucester, of which Rev. Mr. Samuel Foxcroft is Pastor, being near to them, his Request was voted in the Affirmative.

<u>1767</u> January 11. Constantine, of Constantine and Jemima Hardy, was baptized.

February 22. Mary, of Jonathan and Hannah Grout, baptized Sacrament.

March 1. Preserved, Son of Artemas and Mary Bruce was baptized by Rev. Martyn.

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March 15. Susanna Parkman was admitted into full Communion with the Church.

The Lords supper was administred, and William, of James and Mary Bowman, baptized.

29. James-Swain, of Hananiah and Abigail Parker, baptized.

April 23. After the Lecture the Church was stopd and after prayer, was read a Paper which containd an agreement between Timothy Warrin and his wife and the Pastor. And thereto the

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pastor added that considering the Paper referrd to, came to him unprepard, and that <u>That</u> was not done about it, which he expected, and depended upon to have been done; as appears since (though he did not know this before the reading of it), he was sorry he read it, and prayd the Church to forgive what mis-step there was therein.

Then it was put to Vote, whether the Lords supper be attended upon, according to the Appointment, and if it be the Mind of the Church that it <u>be</u>, and yet it includes and implys therein that the Church doth hereby signify their Acceptance and Satisfaction with the Agreement aforesaid, and with what has been offerd respecting the Reading of the <u>Paper</u>.

It passd in the Affirmative.

With the Blessing the Church was dismissd.

April 26. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

P.M. Mrs. <u>Anna Marbel</u>, wife of Mr. Jonathan <u>Marbel</u> of <u>Grafton</u>, presented two Children to Baptism, she being a member of good standing in the Church of Grafton, as appears by a Certificat from Rev. Mr. <u>Hutchinson</u>; there being no Objection against it, they were led up by their respective Masters, <u>Henry</u> by Barnabas Newton, and <u>Anna</u> by Daniel Miller, and they were both of them baptized.

May 10. Luther of Joseph and Jemima Morse, baptized

And The Church was detaind so long as to have a Letter to the Pastor from Seven Brethren desiring a Church-Meeting, to consider whether Mrs. Andrews might enjoy transient Communion with this Church? A Church Meeting was accordingly appointed to be on the 19th.

19. The Church met according to appointment. The meeting was opend by Prayer and an Exhortation.

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After debating, reading sundry Letters, etc., the following vote passd, viz.,

"That there be something drawn up by a Committee of this Church which the Church might act upon, whereby Mrs. <u>Andrews</u> may be admitted to transient Communion with this Church, under her present Situation; and yet so as that it Should not be look'd upon, as if this Church did hold Communion with the society or Church, of which She is a Member; but bears Testimony against the Disorders complaind of among them."

Vote Affirmative.

Then a Committee of five Brethren was chose.

Viz., Brother John Cushing, Brother Francis Whipple Deacon Bond Brother Daniel Forbes Brother Levi Brigham

After a vote for Adjournment to this Day fortnight, at 2 o'clock, p.m. and that the Church might then elect another Deacon, This Meeting concluded with Prayer and Blessing.

May 31. Elisha, of Elijah and Prudence Rice, and Martha of Elijah and Martha, baptized. And Hannah, wife of Paul Biglow, was admitted into full Communion. As was <u>Benjamin Wood</u>; being dismissd from Hopkinton to us.

June 2. The Church Met according to adjourment. After Prayer the Report of the Committee appointed as above, was read — read repeatedly: and Some amendments being made in it, it was voted by the Brethren and as all Circumstances were, the pastor gave consent. See the Report itself. Then the Church elected a

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Deacon instead of the late Deacon Tainter deceasd. The vote, by a great Majority, was for Benjamin Wood.

Then two persons were appointed by Vote, to acquaint him with it, viz., Brothers John Cushing and Francis Whipple (Esq.)

Also two were appointed to accquaint Mrs. Andrews with what the Church had done with regard to her. They were Brothers <u>Gale</u> and <u>Levi Brigham</u>.

With prayer and Blessing the Meeting finishd.

June 14. The Lords supper was administred.

Sacrament

Hannah, of Jonathan and Joanna Fay, and Ebenezer and John, of Paul and Hannah Biglow, were baptizd.

- July 19. Moses, of Ebenezer and Sarah Maynard baptized.
- 22. The Church was desird to tarry after the Lecture and renewing their Choice of him, by an unanimous vote, they received the Answer of Brother Wood, which was Acceptance of it.
- 26. Joseph of Paul and Hannah Biglow baptized. The Lords Supper had been administred to Day.
- August 2. Abner-Warrin, of Seth and Sarah Morse, was baptizd.
- 23. Stephen, of Barnabas and Eunice Newton was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Hutchinson.
  - 30. Abigail, wife of John Fessenden, was admitted into full Communion.

September 6. Administration of the Lords Supper.

Katharine, of John and Abigail Fessenden, baptized.

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- October 4. Daniel, of Solomon and Mary Miller, and Elizabeth of John and Abigail Fessenden baptized.
  - 11. Fortunatus, of Abigail Lock baptizd by the Rev. Mr. Nathan Stone.
- 25. The Church Stayd and a Letter from Northborough Signd by Jonathan Livermore, Paul Newton and Jacob Rice, dated October 14,

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desiring Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. Peter Whitney.

Voted Compliance with their Request.

Voted to send two Delegates.

Voted that Deacon Bond be one.

Voted that Deacon Wood be the other.

With the Blessing the Church were dismiss'd.

Sacrament N.B. the Lords Supper had been administred this Day.

November 1. Joseph and Ruth Harrington were admitted into Church Fellowship.

8. Lucy, of Joseph and Ruth Harrington, was baptized.

29. Hannah, of Josesp and Ruth Harrington, baptized

December 6. Eli Whitney and Elizabeth his Wife were admitted into the Church.

Sacrament

The Lords Supper was administred. And Joel, of Francis junior and Priscilla Whipple, was baptized.

- 13. The Church was detaind, when a petition signd by Twenty one Members, requesting a Church Meeting to reconsider the votes passed about Mrs. Andrews, was Communicated. (It was Dated October 28, but was not offerd till December 9<sup>th</sup>.) In complyance with it a Church Meeting was appointed to be on the 16th at one o'Clock p.m.
- 16. The Church met as appointed and after Prayer the Petition was again read and the Report of the Committee therein referred to as Voted by the Church. The Matter being debated, the following vote was prepard and read over at least three times, viz.,

Whether the Church does now, upon Condition of Mrs. Andrews' Resigning the Copys she has in her possession thereof, Reconsider and Disannull the Votes which were passed by this Church Concerning her on May 19 and June 2d past.

It passd in the Affirmative.

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Then the Pastor made open Proclamation, offer, and Demand, that if there were any who had Exception or Complaint to make against him in his Conducting these Affairs, or any other Matters relative thereto, as if he had been unfaithfull, or had misrepresented Things, they would now manifest it, with the Grounds thereof, that if it could be made to appear, he might see it and humble himself and make proper Satisfaction — which in that Case he was ready to do; but if it was otherwise, he might be properly Vindicated, and that they would be the Guardians of his Reputation.

There was no Reply to it except by one Member who mentiond something about his subscribing against the 2d Church in <u>Sutton</u> and the Pastor which was immediately answered — [and after the Church was dismissd, another desird the Liberty of private Conference at a suitable Time for it, which was readily consented to.]

After Prayer the Meeting concluded with the Blessing.

December 27. Harvey, of Nathan and Lucy Maynard baptizd.

January 3, 1768. Bezaleel, of Ezekiel and Ruth Smith was baptized.

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The same Day the Church was Stopped and informd that Mrs. <u>Andrews</u> had resignd the Copys etc. (See December 16). Also a letter from Mrs. <u>Andrews</u> was communicated to the Church requesting, again, the Benefit of transcient Communion. A motion was presently made by Several Brethren that since the Church has been so much worried with it, it might be dropd. It was put to vote, and it was a Tie. And the Motion to adjourn was for a while opposed by the Same Number. At length the Pastor was obligd to interpose, and with their Consent, adjournd to tomorrow come sennight, at one p.m.

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(by divine Leave).

The bus'ness of the Meeting to be,

<u>First</u>, to see whether the Church will put an End to these Controversies by dropping the Affair? or <u>Secondly</u>, will come into any Methods to vote upon Mrs. Andrews's Letter which was read to Day? or Thirdly, will call in the Help of an Ecclesiastical Council?

January 11. The Church met according to the Adjournment. The meeting was opend with Prayer.

Mrs. Andrews' letter was read again.

The <u>First</u> Thing was proposd - vide Supr.

It passd in the Negative, 19 to 16.

The <u>Second</u> proposd; and after Debating a long Time Concerning Mr. Cleaveland and the society he Ministers to, that is, for what Reasons to be admitted, and for what Reasons they might <u>not</u>, also the Conduct of Ministers and Churches with regard to them, the Pastor addressd the Church to such Purpose as this, viz.,

"That we had better put an End to these fruitless Controversies and Contests, which we have been so long in, about that society, in <a href="Chebacco">Chebacco</a> (whether it is <a href="One Thing">one Thing</a>, or <a href="another">another</a>), and the Churchs Transactions towards them, Laying all this aside therefore, and <a href="without Regard to one Church or another">without Regard to one Church or another</a>, Let us take this Matter before us <a href="in General">in General</a>; thus,

That Mrs. <u>Andrews</u> being (understood to be) a professing Christian, and her Lot being cast among us in this place, if She will not countenance Disorders, or whatever is contrary to the word of God, and disallowd by the Platform, whether in the Place she came from or otherwhere, and will endeavour to walk according to Gospel Rule;

The Church also hereby testifying against all Disorders, whether in <u>Chebacco</u>, or anywhere else, are willing, our Circumstances, on each

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part, being seriously considerd, to admitt her to Communion with us.

This was proposd to the Church, and voted in the affirmative, by a great majority. And it was Voted that the Pastor, and the Deacons, <u>Bond</u> and <u>Wood</u>, carry this Vote of the Church to Mrs. A. and read it to her — but not give a Copy of it.

Then was read a Letter from the 2d Church in Shrewsbury, dated December 29, 1767, requesting our Assistance in Council on last Tuesday of January and voted Complyance.

Voted two Delegates.

Voted Deacon Bond to be one.

Voted Deacon Wood to be the other.

Exhortation followd that we be in Peace and Harmony. The Meeting concluded with Prayer and the Blessing.

January 24. Eli, of Francis and Lydia Pratt, baptized. N.B. The Parents had ownd the Covenant at Hopkinton, and were recommended by Rev. Mr. Barrett.

February 7. Fannira, of Thomas and Martha Temple, was baptized by Rev. Mr. Sumner.

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. Eli and Elizabeth of Eli and Elizabeth Whitney, baptizd.

February 24. Sarah, of Solomon and Han. Baker, and William Pitt, of John and Martha Wood, baptizd.

March 20. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

May 1. Edmund and Ruth Chamberlain were admitted into Church Fellowship. The Lords Supper was administred: and

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15. William, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, baptized

Moses, of Samuel and Elizabeth Fay, baptizd.

22. Sarah, of George and Eunice Andrews; Persis, of Samuel and Abigail Forbes; Mary, of Edmund and Ruth Chamberlain, were baptizd.

June 12. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

P.M. Contribution for Mr. Joseph Sherman of Shews-

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bury, whose House was burnt.

June 26. Katy, of Ebenezer and Lucy Forbush baptized by Rev. Mr. Stone of Southborough.

- July 17. The Church was Stopd by reason of Uneasiness among Sundry Brethren concerning Deacon Wood. After some Conference adjournd to the 24th.
- 24. Church tarryd according to adjournment. Deacon Wood and his Wife offerd a Paper Signd by them in which they acknowledgd their breach of the seventh Commandment. This, with some amendments which were agreed upon, and upon Condition that it be read before the Congregation next Lords Day, was accepted, and they were restord to Charity
- 31. Deacon Wood's and his Wife's address to the Pastor and Church containing their Acknowledgement as abovesaid was read to the Congregation, agreeable to the Vote of the Church. After which

Benjamin-Buckminster, their son, was baptized, as was Elizabeth, of Stephen and Anne Maynard.

Sacrament August 7. The Lords Supper was administred.

August 28. The Church was detaind after Exercises and a Letter was communicated from the 1st Church in Rochester, desiring Assistance in ordaining Mr. Jonathan Moore. Voted compliance — two Delegates.

Brother John Cushing to be one.

Deacon Bond to be the other.

September 4. Contribution for relief of the Sufferers by Fire at Montreal in Canada. Gatherd £15.16.0 old Tenor.

September 18. Benjamin, of Eli and Elizabeth Whitney, baptized

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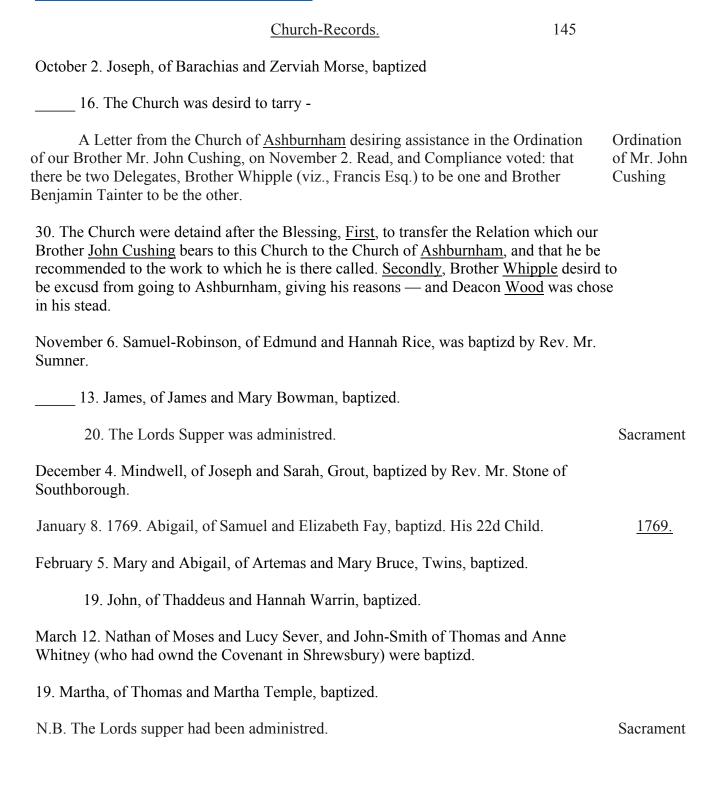
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The Church was Staid after Exercises, and a Letter from Charlton signd by the Pastor, and
others, dated September 7, 1768, requesting Assistance with other Churches to sit in
Council October 4 next, read, and Voted Complyance:

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March 26. Margaret, of Ebenezer and Hannah Miller, and Anne, of Hananiah and Abigail Parker, baptized.

April 9. The Desire of Ezekiel Smith and Ruth, his Wife, was laid before the Church, that they might be dismissd, in order to their joining with a society of Christians in <u>Henneker</u> in the Province of <u>New Hampshire</u>, who are designing to join together to be erected into a Church of Christ in gospel Form. Was voted and that they be recommended accordingly.

- 16. Bulah, of James and Elizabeth Miller, baptized.
- 23. Rachel, of Constantine and Jemima Hardy, baptized.

Sacrament 30. The Lords Supper administred. Mary, of Adonijah and Hannah Rice, baptized.

May 7. Hannah of Benjamin and Hannah Tainter, and Priscilla, of Isaac and Abigail Miller, baptized.

The Church were stayd, and the Pastor acquainted them with the Fasts which the Reverend Association have kept on account of the public Troubles (they having turnd their meetings into Fasts for some time), and that they have appointed one to be here, on the 3d Wednesday of this instant; He would therefore invite the Church to join with the Association in it, as the Cause for such Humilliation etc. is increased. It being offerd to the Church, it was voted unanimously.

14. The Congregation were informd of the above and by Silential Vote consentence here were next Wednesday a Fast.	ed to
Anna, of Edmund and Ruth Chamberlain, baptized.	
17. Was observed as a Day of Fasting and Prayer: Rev. Mr. Smith preached a.m. of Jer. 7:1-7. Rev. Mr.	n

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Stone preachd p.m. on Gen. 18:19. May the Lord graciously accept of us, forgive our Sins, pour out His holy Spirit, revive His work and restore and confirm our privileges and Libertys to us.

21. Thomas and Lydia Bond were admitted into Church Fellowship. And

A Letter from <u>Henneker</u> in New-Hampshire, requesting Asssitance in the Gathering a Church there and ordaining Mr. <u>Jacob Rice</u> pastor, on June 7th next, was read: but the Pastor signifying to the Church that he could not attend it, though he left it to the Church to Send nevertheless if they saw meet. There was not a Vote for it.

June 11. The Lords Supper was administred, and Sarah, of Ebenezer and Sarah Maynard; Liscomb, of Edmund Brigham; Elizabeth and Josiah, of Thomas and Lydia Bond, were baptizd.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. Hannah, of Elijah and Martha Hardy, baptized

July 16. Jabez Snow junior and Hannah his Wife were admitted into full Communion.

23. Joel, of Benjamin and Elizabeth Fay, baptized by Rev. Mr. Whitney of Northborough

August 6. Elijah and Hannah of Jabez junior and Hannah Snow were baptizd. The Same Sacrament Day the Lords Supper was administred.

September 3. Abigail, of Daniel and Abigail Adams, baptized

24. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

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October 8. Sarah of Jonathan and Hannah Grout, baptized

15. Charles, of Francis and Priscilla Whipple baptized

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October 22. Lois, of Solomon and Mary Miller, baptized by Rev. Mr. John Cushing of Ashburnham.

29. John, of John and Martha Wood, baptized.

Sacrament November 5. The Lords Supper was administred.

26. Submitt, of Seth and Sarah Morse, baptized.

February 11. Miriam of Joseph and Ruth Harrington and John of Thomas and Lydia Bond baptized.

18. Matthew, of Benjamin and Sarah Wood baptized.

March 4. Lucy, of Barnabas and Eunice Newton baptized by the Rev. Mr. Whitney of Northborough.

Sacrament March 18. The Lords Supper was administred and Simeon, of James and Mary Bowman, baptized.

April 8. Josiah, of Eli and Elizabeth Whitney, baptized by Rev. Mr. Whitney of Northborough.

Sacrament

29. The Lords Supper was administred.

Before which Daniel McAlister and Mary his Wife were admitted into Church Fellowship. And the Same Day Molly, their Daughter, was baptizd.

May 27. Elisha, of Barachias and Zerviah Morse was baptizd, and Jabez, of Jabez and Hannah Snow.

Sacrament June 10. The Lords Supper was administred.

17. Persis, of Joseph and Martha Baker, and Abijah, of Francis and Lydia Pierce, baptized.

July 8. Abigail, of Jonathan and Abigail Fessenden, baptized

A Contribution for Mrs. <u>Eunice Cook</u>, who now dwells at <u>Douglass</u>; it was £7.13.5.2 old Tenor.

29. Prudence, wife of Elijah Rice, was admitted into full Communion, and Sacrament The Lords Supper was administred.

A Contribution for the poor at <u>Marblehead</u>. It amounted to £30.12.11.2 Old Tenor.

August 19. Elizabeth of Joseph and Sarah Grout was baptizd by Rev. Mr. Peter Whitney.

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September 9. Mary Pratt Daughter of Hezek. was admitted into full Communion.

The Lords Supper was administred. Chloe, Daughter of Ebenezer and Lucy Forbush, baptized

Sacrament

October 21. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

December 6. After the public Exercises of the Thanksgiving the Church by Desire of Mr. <a href="Daniel Forbes">Daniel Forbes</a> and others, was detaind, and informed by the Pastor that so considerable a Number of the Church were uneasy with the Persons who now stood propounded (viz., Mr. <a href="Levi Warren">Levi Warren</a> and his Wife) that it would be likely to cause too great Disturbance, if it be let alone to the usual Time of Admission, which would be next Lords Day, and the Day of thr Communion: and he desird the Church would consider what was best to be done. After Some Debate they passd the following Vote, viz.,

Voted that the Admission of Levi Warrin and his Wife be deferrd for a Short Space.

The Church was dismissd with the Blessing.

December 10. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

- 16. In complyance with the Request of a Number of Brethren (Deacon Bond, Daniel Hardy, Benjamin Tainter, Seth Morse etc.) a Church Meeting was appointed, to consider the Affair of <u>Levi Warrin</u> and his Wife, relative to their Admission into the Church; to be at this place, God willing, on the next Tuesday 2 p.m.
- 18. Church met, Levi Warrin present. Began with Prayer. The Business of the Meeting opend. Mr. Warrin offerd a Paper which was Signd by himself and his Wife, and a Certificate from Dr. Stephen Ball. After Debating the following vote was put, whether the Church was Satisfyd and the way clear for the admission of these persons into the Church? But 9 Hands out of 28.

The Pastor proposd to the Church's Consideration either to <u>confirm the use of the old</u> Psalm Books or determine upon some other. Also a Second Chorister. And to take Care of Delinquents as to Baptism. Prayer and Blessing concluded the meeting.

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December 23. Isaac and Margery Parker offerd their Confession of the Sin of Fornication, and were restord to Charity. They also ownd the Covenant. Edward, of Moses and Lucy Sever, and Joel, of Isaac and Margery Parker baptized.

January 27, 1771. Asaph, of Thaddeus and Hannah Warrin; and Prudence, of Elijah and Martha Hardy were baptizd.

Brady and Tate's Version voted to be sung.

February 24. The Church was stopd after Exercise; and by a great Majority voted, to use that Version of the Psalms which was Set forth by Dr. <u>Brady</u> and <u>Nahum Tate</u> Esq. with the Addition of as many of Dr. <u>Watts's</u> Hymns as can conveniently be obtaind.

It was desird that if any body was on the Contrary and opposd it, Such would stand up: but no one did.

Three persons appeard not to Vote. Two of which said they Should Vote if the Congregation would come in with it. The third answered that he did not Vote, for he knew nothing about it, having never Seen one of them in his Life.

Sacrament

March 17. Jonathan Batherick and Abigail his Wife were admitted into Church Fellowship: as was likewise Abigail Parker, wife of Hannaniah Parker, having been dismissd from Grafton. The Lords Supper was Administred. Ruhamah, of Ebenezer and Sarah Maynard, baptized.

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And A Letter was communicated to the Church from the people of <u>Monadnock</u> No. 4 requesting our Assistance in Erecting a Church there, and ordaining Mr. Benjamin Brigham their Pastor.

Mr. Benjamin Brighams Ordination.

Voted Compliance.

Voted to Send two Delegates.

Voted that Brother Levi Brigham be one.

Voted that Brother Benjamin Fay be the other.

Concluded with the Blessing.

April 28. Katharine Allen, formerly Joslin, dismissd and to be recommended to the first Church in Shrewsbury.

May 5. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

12. Lydia of Edmund and Ruth Chamberlain was baptizd.

At the Request of a Number of Persons, viz., the Deacons and Several others, Members of the Church, the Congregation were informd of the Vote of the Church on February 24 last, to Sing <u>Tate</u> and <u>Brady's</u> Version of the Psalms with the Addition of <u>Watts's</u> Hymns (as many as may be convenient) and their (the Congregations) <u>Concurrence</u> therewith being desird, was manifested by a Silential vote. But Liberty was also given, if there was any one that had material and weighty Objection to make, who did not care to Speak publickly, to bring it to the Pastor in the Week time before the next Sabbath, or the Sabbath after.

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May 19. Richard, of Thomas and Martha Temple, and Silas of Constantine and Jemima Hardy, were baptizd.

The Church was detaind, and a Paper, signd by Levi and Deborah Warrin and dated April 30, was communicated.

Then it was put to vote,

Whether the Church was satisfyd with those persons, and were willing they Should enjoy special Privileges? It passd in the Affirmative.

- 26. Noadiah, of Samuel and Elizabeth Fay, baptized
- June 2. Levi Warrin and Deborah his Wife were admitted into Church Fellowship. And Olive their Daughter was baptiz'd.
- 12. The Church was Stayd to consider whether it was not necessary to have more persons to lead in the singing.

Voted to have more. But the Choice of the persons was deferrd; willing that the Congretation Should have some Voice in this matter.

16. Solomon and Jemima Woods confessd the Sin of Fornication. They were restord to Charity; ownd the Covenant and their Child, Jonas, was baptizd.

N.B. The Lords Supper had been administred also.

Sacrament

27. The Church were stopd after Lecture to young people, according to appointment on last Lords Day, to choose a Number of those who are to lead in the Singing: and that we might have peace and Harmony, the Church condescended that the Congregation, Males of the Age of 21 Years, might have Liberty to join with them therein.

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Accordingly they brought in their Votes for one out of the Church and Brother <u>Eli</u> <u>Whitney</u> was chose. Then Votes were brought in for one out of the Congregation, and it appear'd that <u>Phineas Maynard</u> was chose. Votes were again brought in for another out of the Church, and Brother <u>Seth Morse</u> was chose. Once more, a Second out of the Congretation was chose, viz., <u>Ebenezer Chamberlain</u> junior.

4 <u>Choristers</u> chose.

The assembly was dismissd with the Blessing.

July 28. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

August 11. Three Children of <u>James Bellows</u>, viz., <u>John</u>, Sarah and <u>Tammazen</u>, were baptizd. Their mother (heretofore <u>Tammazen Hastings</u>), having publickly owned the Covenant and receivd the Ordinance of Baptism in the first Church of Christ in Cambridge, as appears by a Certificat Signd by Dr. <u>Appleton</u>, July 17, 1771. And seeing they live in the Bounds of Hopkinton, the Rev. Mr. Barrett sent a Line of his Concurrence therewith.

- \_\_\_\_\_18. Noah, of Elijah and Prudence Rice, baptized.
  - 25. Submit, of Francis jr. and Priscilla Whipple, baptized.

September 1. Samuel, of Samuel and Abigail Forbush, baptized by the Rev. Mr. Whitney of Northborough

8. Jonah, of Thomas and Ann Whitney, baptized, The Lords Supper having been administred the Same Day.

Sacrament

22. Mary, of Artemas and Mary Bruce, and Seth, of Edmund and Hannah Rice, baptized

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The Church was also (the same Day) detaind, the Pastor being desirous to consult the Brethren on the Affair of a Sister of the Church, <u>Eunice Rice</u>, who had fallen into gross Sin, and desird to be propounded in order to her Humilliation and Restoration.

#### Sacrament

October 20. The Lords Supper administred.

Samuel and Tabitha Hardy were dismissd and recommended to the 2d Church in Brookfield.

November 17. Thankfull, of James and Mary Bowman, baptized.

#### Sacrament

December 1. The Lords Supper was administred.

- 22. Mary, the wife of John Harrington, was admitted into full Communion with the Church. And Moses, of Isaac and [*blank*] Miller was baptized.<sup>30</sup>
- 29. Lydia of Thomas and Lydia Bond, baptized as were William of John and Mary Harrington and John of Jonathan and Abigail Batherick.

# 1772. Ordination of Mr.

Fitch.

January 12. A Letter from the Church in Hopkinton requesting Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. <u>Elijah Fitch</u>, was communicated, and the Church Voted Complyance.

Voted Deacon Bond to be a Delegate.

And Voted Deacon Wood to be another.

Then concluded with the Blessing.

Sacrament

April 5. The Lords Supper was administred.

April 19. Lois, of Levi and Deborah Warrin baptized.

#### Sacrament

May 3. The Lords Supper was administred.

And Esther, of James and Thomasin Bellows baptized

- 10. Ruth, of Joseph and Ruth Harrington, baptized.
- 30. Dorothy, of Joseph and Sarah Grout, baptized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup>Moses, s. Isaac and Abigail Miller, b. Dec. 15, 1771; WVR, 75.

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June 14. Relief, and Submitt, twin-Daughters of Adonijah and Hannah Rice, were baptizd.

21. Hezekiah-How, of John and Abigail Fessenden, baptizd.

<u>Mary Drury</u>, wife of <u>Jonathan Drury</u>, heretofore <u>Mary Pratt</u>, being removd to <u>Temple</u>, requests that her Relation to us may be transferrd to the Church in the Said <u>Temple</u>. Voted Complyance and that She be recommended to them.

<u>Susanna Moore</u> also, Wife of the Rev. <u>Jonathan Moore</u>, Pastor of the Church in <u>Rochester</u>, heretofore <u>Susanna Parkman</u>, requests that Since She is removd to Said <u>Rochester</u>, her Relation to us may be transferrd to the Church there. Voted Compliance and that She be recommended to them.

N.B. The Lords Supper was Administred.

Sacrament

July 19. Lydia Grout, a Widow, was admitted into full Communion. And Josiah, of Phinehas and Persis Gleason, baptized

August 2. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

- 16. Persis of Solomon and Mary Miller, baptized
- 23. Dorothy Maynard, Widow of the late Phinehas Maynard, and Margery, Wife of Thomas Arnold, were admitted into full Communion with this Church.
  - 30. Betty and Dorothy, of Dorothy Maynard, were baptiz'd.

September 13. Polly and Hepzibah, of Thomas

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and Margery Arnold, and Hannah, of Gillam Bass, who had own'd the Covenant at Dr. Byles' Church in Boston, were baptizd.

#### Sacrament

September 20. The Lords Supper was administred.

And Samuel-Willard, of Ebenezer and Margaret Miller, and Stephen, of Stephen and [blank] Cook<sup>31</sup> (these last had ownd the Covenant at <u>Hopkinton</u>), were baptized

October 4. Anne, of Ebenezer and Lucy Forbush, baptized

- 11. Edward, of Joseph and Martha Baker, baptizd.
- 18. A Contribution for Brother Samuel Fay at his Request. It was (in old Tenor) £20.8.9.
  - 25. John, of Edmund and Ruth Chamberlain, baptiz'd.

Sacrament November 1. Administred the Lords Supper.

Letter from the Church in West-Sudbury.

8. The Church was detaind, after the usual Exercises. A Letter from the west Church in Sudbury was read, requesting Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. <u>Jacob Biglow</u>, on the 11th instant.

Voted Compliance with it.
That there be two Delegates.
That Deacon Bond be one.
That Deacon Wood be the other

Another from Grafton

Another Letter from the Church in Grafton, to assist in Council relative to the Dismission of the Rev. Mr. Hutchinson. Read and voted compliance.

That two Delegates be Sent.
That Brother John Belknap be one.
That Francis Whipple Esq. be the other

to meet on the 17th instant.

November 23. N.B. The Pastor was prevented by spe-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup>Stephen, s. Stephen and Mary Cook, b. May 22, 1772; WVR, 35.

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cial Providence, going to either.

November 29. Lucy, of Solomon and [blank] Baker, baptized<sup>32</sup>

December 13. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

- 20. Levi, of Samuel and Rachel Hardy baptized by the Rev. Mr. Fitch of Hopkinton.
- 27. Nathan Fay and Persis, his Wife, made humble Confession of the Sin of Fornication and were restord to Charity. They were also admitted to full Communion. Nahum, of Abijah and Susanna Gale, baptizd.
- January 17, 1773. John, of Thomas and Margery Arnold was baptized. Moses, of Jonathan and Hannah Grout, baptizd.

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- March 21. Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Fay (heretofore Elizabeth Stow), dismissd and recommended from the Church in Grafton, was admitted into this Church. Also Susanna Brigham junior was admitted at the Same time. The Lords Supper was to have been, but was not administred.
  - 28. Silas, of Barnabas and Eunice Newton, baptized
- N.B. The Administration of the Ordinance of the Supper was omitted: The meeting House was repairing, and was so open that it was inconvenient to attend the Communion, but on June 6 it was administred.

Sacrament

- N.B. Jonathan Child and Eunice his Wife were admitted into Church Fellowship.
  - 13. Ephraim, Samuel and Elizabeth, of Jonathan and Eunice Child were baptiz'd.
- July 4. Sarah-Bright, of Thomas and Martha Temple, was baptizd.
- 18. The Lords Supper was administred. Lydia, of Levi and Deborah Warrin was baptized

Sacrament

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup>Lucy, dau. Solomon and Hannah Baker, b. Niov. 22, 1772; WVR,11.

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August 8. Eli, of Jonathan and Abigail Batheric was baptized.

22. Isaac and Anna Davis made Confession of the Sin of Fornication, were restord to Charity and admitted onto full Communion with the Church.

Submitt, of Thaddeus and Hannah Warrin, and Phineas, of Isaac and Anna Davis, baptized.

29. Ebenezer junior and Esther Chamberlain were admitted into full Communion.

Sacrament The Lords Supper was administred.

September 5. Persis Putnam (Wife of Rufus Putnam of Brookfield), heretofore Rice, was dismissd; and voted that She be recommended to the 2d Church in Brookfield.

Mansfield, of Artemas and Mary Bruce, baptized.

19. Ephraim, Martha, and Sarah of Ebenezer and Esther Chamberlin, were baptizd.

The Brethren of the Church were stopd after Exercises, and the Pastor proposd to the Church to Shew whether it was not their mind to Enquire into the Conduct of our Sister Eunice Rice, since that affair had been neglected for a long time?

It was voted that they would.

It was proposd again, Whether they would Send a Committee to her to know how She was affected?

It passd in the Affirmative.

Again, that the Number be three.
Voted Deacon Bond be one.
Brother Nathaneal Whitney another
Brother Benjamin Fay the third.
Concluded with the Blessing.

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October 6. The Brethren of the Church were desird to Stay, at the request of the Deacons. Deacon Bond acquainted the Church that the late Deacon Simon Tainter left a Legacy of £50 old Tenor to this Church, and the Affair having fallen into his Hands, he had let the Money to his Son, Benjamin Tainter; but the Time was up, and he wanted to know the mind of the Church relative to what he Should do with it next: that he did not indeed desire they Should vote upon it now, but that they would take it into Consideration against next Lecture Day.

Concluded with Blessing.

October 10. Joseph Belknap and Esther his Wife, Nathan Townsend and Sarah his Wife were admitted into full Communion. And the Lords Supper was administred. Also, Eli, of Joseph and Esther Belknap, baptized.

Sacrament

24. The Church was stayd after the Exercises to hear the Return of the Committee which were sent by the Church to Mrs. <u>Eunice Rice</u>, which was for Substance that She could make no other Satisfaction to this Church than what she had offerd. Dated Westborough, October 4, 1773.

Signd — Nathaniell Whitney. Benjamin Fay.

The Church having heard this,

<u>Voted</u>, that Brother <u>Benjamin Tainter</u> go to the Secretarys office at <u>Boston</u> and endeavour to obtain Copys of the Evidences against her when the Case was laid before the Governour and Council, by Vertue of which her Husband obtaind divorce from her.

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31. Joel, of Samuel and Abigail Forbush; Katharine, of Phinehas and Persis Gleason; Jacob, Nathan and John, of Nathan and Sarah Townsend, were baptizd.

November 18. The Church was detaind after Lecture On Mrs. <u>Eunice Rice</u>'s Affair, Brother Tainter not having been to Boston, it was further wavd.

<u>Another thing</u> that was again mentiond, was to know the Churchs Mind concerning the <u>Tainter</u> Legacy, which was in the Hands of his son <u>Benjamin</u>, who had given a Note of Hand for it, now in the Deacons possession.

The Church voted it should lye as it was.

N.B. It is the Custom, and now observd, to break off with the Blessing.

#### Sacrament

- 21. The Holy Sacrament of the Lords Supper administred.
- 28. Sophia, of <u>Hananiah</u> and Abigail Parker, was baptized by Rev. Mr. <u>Smith</u> of Marlborough.

December 19. Rebecca, wife of Daniel Stockwell, and Mary, wife of James Godfrey, were admitted into full Communion.

January 9. 1774. Brother <u>Daniel McAllister</u> who with his Family are gone to live at <u>Myrifield</u> (as he writes it) has sent his and his Wife's Desire to be dismissd, in order to joining with others in forming a Church there. Their Request was laid before the Church. Voted Affirmatively and that they be recommended to that Society.

February 6. Amos, of Thomas and Lydia Bond, was baptized by Rev. Mr. Stone.

20. Abigail, wife of Nathan Kenney, was admitted into Church Fellowship.

Eli, of Nathan and Persis Fay, baptized.

March 13. Ebenezer, of Ebenezer junior and Esther Chamberlain; Molly, Daniel and Anson, of Daniel and Rebecca Stockwell; and Joseph, of Isaac and Anna Davis, were baptizd.

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March 20. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

- 27. Phebe, of James and Mary Bowman, baptized.
- April 10. Ruth, of Daniel and Rebecca Stockwell, and Molly and James, of James and Mary Godfrey, baptizd.
  - 24. Eli Harrington was admitted into the Church.
- May 1. The Lords supper was administred.

Sacrament

Elizabeth, of Nehemiah and Dorothy Maynard (which latter had ownd the Covenant at Northborough) baptized.

8. Eunice, of Abijah and Susanna Gale, baptized.

June 12. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

And <u>Rachel Hide</u> (lately <u>Rachel Fay</u>, now wife of <u>Noah Hide</u>) made a profesion of Religion, owning the Covenant and was baptizd.

- 19. Lucy, of Elijah and Martha Hardy, and Aaron, of Nathan and Sarah Townsend, baptized.
- 26. The Town at their late Meeting, on the 20th instant, agreed that on Consideration of the Great and Distressing Troubles of the present Day; <u>Boston</u> Harbour in Special blocked up etc., Next Thursday be observed as a Day of Fasting and Prayer. We were earnestly Exhorted to do our utmost to keep such a Fast as the Lord has chosen. He that observeth a Day must Observe it to the Lord.
- 30. Was observd as a Day of Fasting and Prayer by the Church and Congretation in Westb. The Pastor began with Prayer and Rev. Mr. Stone of Southborough preachd on Deut. 29:24-25, "Even all Nations Shall Say," etc. P.M. he prayd and the Pastor Preachd on 2 Chron. 14:9, "And Asa cried unto the Lord," etc. May the Lord pardon the Sins of our holy Things, graciously hear our humble Addresses, and bless His word to us for our highest Benefit!
- July 10. Joel, Eleazer and Ruth, of Nathan and Abigail Kenny, were baptized by Reverend

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Sacrament

July 24. The Lords Supper was administred.

August 14. Lucy, of Joseph and Sarah Grout, baptized.

21. Benajah, of Benajah and Abigail Brigham, by Vertue of Certificat from Rev. Mr. Smith of Marlborough, was baptiz'd.

Sacrament

September 4. The Lords Supper was administred.

25. Martha, of James and Tomasin Bellows, was baptizd.

October 2. Esther, of Jonathan and Eunice Child baptized by Rev. Mr. Joseph Willard of Mendon.

9. Lucy, of Thomas and Anne Whitney; Eunice, of James and Mary Godfrey; Wentworth, of John and Mary Harrington; Eunice, of Solomon and Jemima Woods, were baptizd by Rev. Eli Forbes.

Sacrament 23. The Lords Supper was administred.

30. Lydia, of Joseph and Martha Baker, baptized.

November 6. Silas of John and [blank] Piper, baptized.<sup>33</sup>

27. Joseph, of Joseph and Esther Belknap, baptized.

Sacrament December 11. The Lords supper was administred.

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> The Church was Stopped to confer about a Church meeting at which to Consider the Cases of several Delinquents, viz., the Case of Eunice Rice, which has been heretofore already under our Cognizance; and that of Brother Samuel Fay, who has been long absent from the Lords Supper, and even from the common Exercises of the Sabbath: also to hear a Paper which I have received from a Number of the Brethren and to See what the Church would do upon it. By Agreement a meeting was appointed to be tomorrow come sennight at one o'Clock p.m. [The place must be where we were if no other is mentiond].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup>Silas, s. John and Mary Piper, b. September, 12, 1774; WVR, 85.

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9th. The Church met. The Meeting was opend by Prayer. The Business of the meeting was January. mentiond, relative to Mrs. Eunice Rice, and Mr. Samuel Fay; and the Paper of the 11 Brethen was read.

Voted 1. to hear the Case of Mrs. Rice and Brother Fay before the Said Paper. But She was not come, though she had been sent to.

Voted 2. to Send another Committee to her.
3. the Committee to be two.
4. Brother <u>Jonathan Grout</u> to be one.
5. Brother <u>Daniel Forbes</u> the other.
Voted 6. To Send a Committee to Brother Fay.

- - 7. The Number to be Three.
- 8. Brother David Maynard to be one.
- 9. Deacon Wood to be another.
  - 10. Brother Tainter to be the third.
  - 11. The Meeting to be adjournd to this Day Month, this place, at 1 p.m.

The Meeting concluded with prayer and the Blessing.

22. Lucy, of Nathan and Abigail Kenny, baptized.

February 5. Abraham, of Francis and Lydia Pierce, and Elisha, of Paul and Hannah Biglow, baptized.

February 13. The Church met by adjournment. The Meeting was opend by Prayer. The Committee who went to Mrs. Rice made their Report verbally only; but we understood Mrs. Rice would attend. She did so. We understood from her that she would consent to have those passages which were in her Confession displeasing to the Church, omitted. They were marked with Bracketts and then the Church Voted the Confession, with those Omissions, Satisfactory.

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Then Mrs. <u>Rice</u> being calld, it was read to her in that form (viz., with those omissions) and she consented to it. Upon which the Church agreed that She should be propounded in the Congregation in order to her being restord to Charity.

The committee who went to Brother <u>Samuel Fay</u> were calld upon for their Report; They (verbally) deliverd it, viz., That he was dissatisfyd with Mr. <u>Parkman</u> and his son Breck on account of his mare that was dead.

Others (as Squire Whipple etc.) said that he (Mr. Fay) had given other Reasons, namely, want of Cloths, etc.

It was put to the vote whether his Reason given to the Committee was Satisfactory? There was no Hand for it. The Church was desirous to shew all Lenity, deferrd further proceeding; and divers members requested that Mr. <u>Parkman</u> and two Brethren with him would Visit him. This being consented to, this affair was further wavd.

Then the paper signd by Eleven was mentiond, and the Pastor, by a short Speech, shewd their <u>Unseasonableness</u> of Disputes of this Nature at so distressing a time of public Calamity; the <u>Impropriety</u> and <u>Danger</u> of <u>arraigning</u> Such a Body of eminent and learned Men as the <u>Venerable Convention</u>, and <u>condemning them</u> who were verily the Defenders of the <u>Congregational</u> Plan, and therefore not deserving to have Solemn Testimony borne against them as is requested in the said Paper. After formal Debates, the meeting was adjournd to this Day fortnight. Concluded with Prayer and Blessing

26. Elisha, of Levi and Deb. Warrin, baptized.

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February 27. The Church Met by adjournment. The Meeting was opend by Prayer.

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Upon the affair of Mr. <u>Samuel Fay</u>, Report was made, that the Pastor and two Brethren went to Brother <u>Fay</u>'s; but he was from home, and though waited for, did not come. [N.B. No previous Notice was Sent, because it was designd only as a Personal Visit.]

The Church voted to Send another Committee to Brother <u>Samuel Fay</u> to acquaint him that the Answer which he returnd by the former Committee as the Reason why he absented himself from the public Worhsip and the Administration of the Special Ordinances was not Satisfactory; and that if he could give no other Satisfaction to the Church, they must be obligd to proceed to admonish him.

That the number be three.

That Capt. Brigham, Brother Belknap, and Capt. Benjamin Fay be the Persons.

The Petition of the Eleven was read again. The Pastor, for various Reasons requested it might be dropt. Sundry members desird it might be dismissd, but it could not be obtaind

A proposal was made by one of the principal of the Petitioners that the End and Design of it might be Endeavourd, without any reference to the <u>Convention-Piece</u>, or <u>Association</u>, namely, by way of <u>Resolves</u>.

A Request of Mrs. <u>Susanna Harrington</u> (wife of Eli) to be admitted to our Communion as a member of the Church in <u>Bolton</u> of which Rev. Mr. <u>Walley</u> is Pastor. When this Request was moved to the Brethren, the Pastor acquainted the Church that if he administred to her,

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it must be as considering her to be a Member of the Church in <u>Bolton</u>, having joind to that Church when it was in good order; that she also has, for ought we know, <u>walkd orderly</u>; and the Providence of God having cast her Lot here, would therefore condescend to receive her to Communion. This having been said by the Pastor, and it being urgd to put her Request as it was in her Paper, it was offerd — and it passd in the Affirmative. The Pastor Still declaring how <u>only</u>, he could administer to her; for asmuch as he was offended with that Society in <u>Bolton</u>, and was ready to give his Reasons therefor.

The Meeting was by Vote adjournd to the first Monday in April, at 2 p.m.

Concluded with Prayer and Blessing.

March 16. being <u>public Fast</u>, <u>Eunice Rice</u> appeard before the Congregation: her Confession was read, and the Church voted her restoration to their Charity.

Sacrament

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. The Lords Supper administred.

26. Sarah, of Jonathan and Hannah Grout, baptized.

April 2. Tabitha, of Const. and Jem. Hardy, baptized.

The Brethren of the Church were informd that though the Church-Meeting Stood adjourn'd to tomorrow 1 o'Clock p.m., yet by a written Request Signd by Deacon Bond, in behalf of many others, I was desird to have it deferrd till the next Day. I accordingly proposd it, and <u>no Objection</u>

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were made thereto. Wherefore,

On April 4 the Church met for the purposes above mentiond: and opend with Prayer.

The Committee appointed to go to Brother <u>Samuel Fay</u>, reported that they had been to him, as desird, but that they did not Succeed with him. He would give no Encouragement that he would return to his Duty, except upon the Terms heretofore related: It was therefore put to the Church to Signific their minds, (that is)

Whether this was Satisfactory to the Church?

There was no Hand for it.

Then it was put, Whether the Church's Dissatisfaction with him remaind, more especially considering the great Pains the Church had usd with him; and their candid Condescention towards him? Passd Affirmatively.

After further debating, it was conceived to be our incumbent Duty to proceed in Church Dealing with him. It was put,

Whether it is the Churchs Mind that our Brother <u>Samuel Fay</u> be <u>admonished</u> for his Conduct in Absenting himself from the public Worship and from special Ordinances for so long time, without giving any satisfactory Reason for it; or so much as Coming to such Church-Meetings as we in great Gentleness have had on this Account — And that there be added, That the Church expects from him <u>Submission</u> and <u>Satisfaction</u> before he presumes to come to Special privileges? Passd affirmatively and unaminously.

Voted that Brother Benjamin Fay and Deacon

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Benjamin Wood to be the Churchs Messengers to Brother Fay on his Sorrowful Occasion.

On the Affair of the Petition of the 11 Brethren after various Debates, Two papers were presented in Church Meeting, and by Desire were read, though they were but rough imperfect Draughts, neither of them Signd or dated; nor had they been discoverd to the Pastor before, that they might be prepard according to Order. Nothing was, or could be Acted upon either of them.

Voted that this Meeting be further adjournd to this Day three Weeks, at 2 p.m. at this place.

April 17. Francis, of Francis and Priscilla Whipple baptized

Sacrament May 7. The Lords Supper was administred.

- 14. Elisha, of Abijah and Susanna Gale, and Aaron of Joseph and Ruth Harrington, were baptized by the Rev. Mr. Fitch of Hopkinton.
- 21. The Church meeting according to the adjournment was prevented by the public Troubles and the Alarm to the people to march against the Regulars: but a Number of the Brethren desird Rev. Mr. Whitney to mention a meeting to be on that Day month, and the Pastor, for the sake of Peace, consented thereto, and on the Day last mentiond did put the Brethren in mind of it.

May 23. The Church met after Prayer. The Pastor read what he had prepard as an Admonition to Brother <u>Samuel Fay</u>, which had the Church's approbation.

Then was read a paper Signd by 15 Brethren, 9 of which were of those

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who Subscribd the Petition of November 18 last; and containd the following Articles which were acted upon, viz.,

1. To See if it is the Mind of this Church, that the Book called "Observations upon the Congregational Plan of Church Government" be Such in their opinion as they are willing to receive as a Rule to be governd by, when we do not know that this Church or any other Church had any hand in composing the Same.

Among the Brethren it passd <u>in the Negative</u>. The Pastor observing to them that he did not conceive it was expected that so high Regard Should be paid to it as to make it a <u>Rule</u>, or <u>Standard</u>; what was by divine Inspiration, being our <u>only Rule</u> in that sense; nor is it imposd, but the Contrary.

2. To See if it be agreeable to the minds of the Brethren of this Church to break Communion with any other Church, before admonition be given.

The Brethren's vote was in the Negative.

The pastor's mind was somewhat different. He observed that when there is, with persons or a Church, matter of Scandal, Division etc. and the Cause is <u>depending</u> Sub Judica Lis est. or perhaps there is faulty Neglect to have it heard: it is unfit that either party Should offer themselves to the Communion of other Churches.

3. To See if it is the Opinion of this Church that a Pastor of a Congregational Church has a legal Right and Authority to negative and make Void the Votes which such a Church shall see Cause to pass.

The Brethren voted in the Negative.

Though Pastor, on the other hand, previously shewd how very different the most venerable Fathers and

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writers of the Congregational way, judged concerning this important point. Our excellent platform of Church discipline, Ch. 10 and 11. The Answer of the Synod of 1662. See Dr. Goodwin and Nye's Preface to Cotton of the Keyes Pg. 7 and 8). Venerable Mr. Cotton of the Keys, which the venerable Higginson and Hubbard cite in the Appendix to their Testimony, and which is inserted in Mr. Wise on Church Government, asserting the Elders Negative. Read also Dr. Cotton Mathers Magnalia B.V. p. 20, and especially See his publication of the 30 Cases, pp. 36-37 (which may be Seen likewise among the propositions in Magnalia, pp. 45-46). The Pastor therefore, professing himself Congregational, and this Church having been at first settled upon that plan, and hitherto continued (now fifty years) a Congregational Church, agreeable to the Sacred Scriptures, the Church-Covenant, the Platform aforesaid for the Substance of it, the other writings of the worthy Fathers who compiled it, with those also who have writ since in Defence of it; and the general Practice in these Churches — did not Consent to the Vote, but insisted that, in Conformity to our Blessed Lord and Saviours Mind and Direction, there must be in Church Acts, an Agreement, that is, of both the Elders and the Fraternity. For this he says Expressly in Mat. 18, "What soever ye shall bind on Earth" etc. and then immediately follow the words in the 19th verse, "if you shall Agree on Earth — "if you shall agree on Earth," etc. Hence renownd Expositers say, "Quod litigat, non ligat."

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Conclude with Prayer and the Blessing.

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July 2. The Lord's Supper was administred.

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August 13. The Lords Supper was administred.

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20. The Request of <u>William Parkman</u> to be dismissed from this Church to the Church of <u>Concord</u> was laid before the Brethren. It was voted: and that he be recommended to that Church.

September 24. Jonathan <u>Forbes</u>, and <u>Sarah</u> his Wife, and <u>Daniel Chamberlain</u> and <u>Lydia</u> his Wife, were admitted into full Communion with the Church.

The Same Day the Church had been stop'd; and on Consideration of prevailing sickness and Mortality in the Town, it was proposd that a Day of Fasting and Prayer be observed by this Church; and that it be recommended to the Congregation for their Concurrence herein; and it being put to Vote, it passed in the Affirmative unanimously; and that it be on the next Wednesday (which would have been otherwise proposd as, by divine leave, our Lecture Day). And it being laid before the Congregation in the afternoon, it was freely voted by the People, universally, as I suppose.

27. A Day of Fasting and Prayer observed by this Parish agreeable to the votes on the 24th. May God most mercifull and gracious be pleased to accept us in Jesus Christ our Lord!

October 1. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

November 5. Solomon Batherick made a humble Confession of the Sin of Fornication and was restord to Charity; he was also admitted into full Communion with this Church.

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Sacrament November 12. The Lords Supper was administered.

19. Anna, of William Clark, who had own [sic] the Covenant at the [blank] in Boston, was baptizd.<sup>34</sup>

December 10. Sarah, of Samuel and Sarah Parkman was baptizd. (Their former Child Samuel, was baptized by Rev. Mr. John Lathrop, at the old North in Boston, on April 17, 1774.)

And Sarah, of Thomas and Lydia Bond baptized.

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- January 7. The following were baptized, viz., Elijah, of Phinehas and Gleason; Barnabas, of Barnabas and Eunice Newton; and Hannah, of Elisha and Hannah Forbes.
- 14. Benjamin and Lucretia Warrin Offerd their Confession of Violating the Seventh Commandment which was accepted; and they ownd the Covenant.
- 21. Elijah, of Elijah and Martha Hardy baptized by the Rev. Mr. Daniel Grosvenor, of Grafton.
  - 28. Jonah, of Samuel and Abigail Forbush baptized.
- March 3. Nathaniel, of Ebenezer junior and Esther Chamberlain, baptizd.

Fast-7. Fast Extraordinary on Account of the War. Extraordinary Contribution for Mr. Malachi Nichols of Munson, who was burnt out December 5 last. (His Wife was Abigail Gale of this place.) Collected £3.5.8.2 lawful Money. Sacrament \_\_\_\_\_ 10. The Lords Supper was administred. 17. Mary, of John Piper, was baptizd. 24. Joseph, of James and Mary Bowman, baptized.

April 14. Esther, of Joseph and Esther Belknap, baptized

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup>Birth not in WVR. On Oct. 17, 1775, Parkman noted in his diary, "I went up to see Mrs. Clark, one of the strangers who had lately lain in, her Child ill...."

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April 21. The Lords Supper was Ad Levi and Asenath, of Solomon Bath			Sacrament
Gloucester requesting the Assistand Forbes, on the 5th Day of June nex	ear and Act upon a Letter from the fee of this, in the Installment of the Rt; as their Pastor.		Letter from the 1st Church in Gloucester
Voted to Comply.  Voted, to Send two Delegates.  that Squire Joseph Baker be not think he could go.  Voted, that Brother Daniel Forbes I  that Brother Abijah Gale be		use he could	
•	Fore Warrin), member of the first Ch Their names were Elizabeth and St		ury,
19. Asael, of Daniel and Reb	pecca Stockwell, was baptized by Re	ev. Peter Whitney	<b>y</b> .
June 16. The Confession of Thankf and accepted; and She ownd the Co	ul Warrin, widow of the late <u>Timoth</u> ovenant.	ı <u>y</u> junior, was rea	ad
Joseph, of Elisha and Hannah Forbebaptized.	es; Edward, of Nehemiah and Dorot	hy Maynard	
23. The Lords Supper was administ Noah and Eli, Sons of the Widow T			Sacrament
July 7. Buckminster, of Benjamin a	nd Sarah Wood;		

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Lucy, of Joseph and Sarah Grout; Ephraim, of Benajah and [blank] Brigham;<sup>35</sup> William, Molly, Hepzy and Bernice, of Benjamin and Lucretia Warrin were baptizd.

August 1. A Publick Fast through this Colony, on Consideration of the present extraordinary Crisis of our Affairs.

#### Sacrament

- 4. The Lords Supper was administred.
- 11. Three Children of Lydia Wheelock viz., <u>Moses-Bond</u>, <u>John</u>, and <u>Lydia</u>, were baptized.
- 18. <u>John</u> and <u>Martha Beeton</u> solemnly engagd before God, the Church and Congregation that a Grand Child of theirs, which they now presented, they would take Care of the Education of, and by divine help, would bring her up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord. Upon which Promise she was baptizd, and called <u>Martha</u>.

September 1. Timothy, of Benjamin and Lucy Warrin, baptized

#### Sacrament

September 15. Administred the Lords Supper.

. 22. A <u>Contribution</u> was made, in Compliance with an Address of Rev. Dr. <u>Stiles</u> and Mr. <u>Hopkins</u> of <u>Newport</u> for the Support and Encouragement of Missionarys to <u>Annamabo</u> in Africa. It amounted to £4.7.10 and, by Additions afterwards, to £4.12.0 lawful Money, which may God graciously accept, through Jesus Christ!

October 6. Samuel, of Nathan and Sarah Townsend, was baptizd.

#### Sacrament

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. The Lords Supper was administerd. And Silas, of Moses and Lydia Wheelock,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup>The *WVR* include the births of five children of Benajah and Abigail Brigham, with a gap between the birth of Benajah, June 7, 1774, and the birth of Peter, May 10, 1779. Ephraim's birth fits nicely in between.

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also Samuel-Adams, of James and Mary Godfry, were baptizd.

December 1. <u>Jonathan</u> and <u>Joanna Fay</u> requested the Ordinance of Baptism might be administred to a Child which they had taken to bring up; and appearing before the Church and Congregation, each of them promisd to take Care of the Childs Education, and to bring him up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord.

Upon which the Church voted their Consent to the Administration.

He was accordingly baptized by the name of Atkins. Also Josiah, of Jonathan and Eunice Childs was baptized also.

29. Lucy, of Francis junior and Priscilla Whipple baptized.

January 12, 1777. <u>Elizabeth Harrington</u> junior was admitted into full Communion with this Church.

Betty, of Phinehas and Persis Gleason, and Abigail, of Hananiah and Hephzibah Parker, were baptized.

February 16. Elizabeth of Joseph and Martha Baker baptized.

March 16. <u>Breck Parkman</u> was admitted into full Communion with this Church. And Elias, of James and Thomasin Bellows, baptized.

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. The Lords Supper was administred

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30. Levi, of Levi and Deborah Warrin, and Elisha, of Solomon and Jemima Woods, baptized.

April 13. Lydia, of Francis and [blank] Pierce, baptized.<sup>36</sup>

27. Jacob-Amsden, of Abijah and Susanna Gale, baptized.

May 4. Administred the Sacrament of the Lords Supper. Issac, of Isaac and Sarah Adams, baptized.

Sacrament

18. A Contribution for the Relief of Mr. Samuel Goodnow of Elizabeth

Contribution for Mr. S.

Goodnow.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup>Birth not in WVR. The mother was Lydia.

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Town in the Jersies: who had been driven out of his possessions by the Regulars. The Sum collected was in Laful Money £4.10.8.2<sup>37</sup> which may God accompany with His Blessing! And pity the poor man and his Family that they may Supported and comforted!

Sacrament

June 15. The sacrament of the Lords Supper administred.

And Hannah, of Paul and Hannah Biglow baptized.

July 6. Elisha of Stephen and [blank] Cook, baptized.<sup>38</sup>

20. Submitt, of Solomon and Mary Miller; Josiah, of Noah and Hannah Hardy; and Holland, of Jonathan and Sarah Forbes, baptized.

Sacrament

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. The Lords Supper administred.

August the 3d. Anna, of Isaac and Anna Davis, baptized.

Sacrament

September 7. The Lords Supper Administred. And John, of Jonathan and Abigail Batherick, baptized.

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21. Bulah Gale ownd the Covenant.

Thomas, of Thomas and Lydia Bond and Abigail, of Bulah Gale, were baptized.

Sacrament

October 19. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

November 30. The Lords Supper was administred.

December 7. Prudence, of Jemima Hardy, and Joshua, of Daniel and Lydia Chamberlain were baptized.

1778. February 15. <u>Anna-Sophia Parkman</u> was admitted into full Communion with this Church. Rachel of John and Mary Piper, baptized.

Sacrament

March 22. The Lords Supper administred.

And Lucy, of James and Mary Godfry baptized

April 19. Was communicated to the Church a Letter from the Church of Marlborough requesting our Presence,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup>In the margin, Parkman wrote £4.10.8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup>Elisha, s. Stephen and Mary Cook, b. July 3, 1777; WVR, 35.

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Prayers and Assistance in determining the important Affair o Relation between the Rev. Mr. <u>Smith</u> and the Church there.	f Dissolving the Pastoral
Voted compliance One Delegate Deacon Bond to go.	
April 22 was the <u>Continental Fast</u> and the Congregation cont. <u>John Forbes</u> , who, with his Family, were driven off from the last July: and there was gatherd the Sum of £22.18.0. Besides Mr. Forbes was under great Trouble by the Sickness and Dea	Otter Creek, by the Enemy s the forementiond sufferings,
26. <u>James Miller j</u> unior and Mercy his Wife, also <u>Jam</u> Wife, were admitted into the Church. And Josiah, of James and Mercy Miller, was baptizd.	es Hawes and Hannah his
May 3. The Lords Supper was administred.	Sacrament
10. Levi, of James and Mary Bowman, and Benjamin, Chamberlain, baptized.	of Ebenezer and Esther
17. Joseph, of Joseph and Esther Belknap; and Hannal presented by James junior and Mercy Miller, were baptizd by	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
24. James junior of James and Hannah Hawes, was baptized.	

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May 31. Anna, of Jonathan and Hannah Grout, baptized

Sacrament June 14. The Lords Supper was administred. Eli, of Elisha and Hannah Forbes, baptized

- 21. Nahum, of Joseph and Ruth Harrington, was baptizd.
  - 28. Elisha, of Abijah and Susanna Gale, baptized

July 19. The Desires of <u>Francis Whipple</u> Esq. and his Wife, they being removd to <u>New Braintry</u>, to be dismissd from us to the Church there; of <u>Eli Harrington</u>, removd to <u>Alsted</u>, to be dismissd to the Church in that place; and of <u>Sarah</u>, wife of Rev. <u>John Cushing</u> of <u>Ashburnham</u>, to be dismissd to the Church there, were voted, and that they be each of them recommended to those Churches respectively.

N.B. this was, at the Request of the Pastor, transacted by Rev. Elijah Fitch.

Sacrament

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. The Lords supper was administred.

Mary, the Wife of Joseph Keenes, ownd the Covenant.

August 2. Her Children, Joseph, Mary, and Susanna, were baptizd

16. Anna, of David and Rebecca Stockwell, baptized

Ruth Buck, offerd Confession of breacking [sic] the Seventh Commandment and was restord. She was also admitted into full Communion.

September 6. Francis Whipple (junior) and his Wife (<u>Priscilla</u>), were dismissd and Recommended to the Church in New Braintry.

Sacrament

13. The Lords supper administred.

October 4. Phinehas, and Joanna, of John Forbes; and Lucy, of Isaac and Margery Parker, were baptizd.

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October 18. Stephen, of John and Mary Harrington, was baptizd.

25. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

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P.M. Eunice of Barnabas and Eunice Newton and <u>Hannah-Breck</u>, of <u>Breck</u> and <u>Susanna</u> Parkman, were baptized.

December 6. The Lords Supper was administred and by vertue of a Certificat from the Rev. Mr. Fitch of Hopkinson concerning <u>Eleazar Rider</u> and <u>Sarah</u> his Wife that they have been admitted into Covenant by the Church in Hopkinton, two of their Children, viz., Daniel and Sarah, were baptizd.

February 21, 1779. Anna, of James junior and Mercy Miller, baptized

1779.

28. Sally, of Moses and Lydia Wheelock, and Elijah, of Levi and Deborah Warrin, baptized.

March 14. Joseph Grout junior was admitted into full Communion with this Church.

- 17. After Lecture the Congregation were desird to tarry, and they chose 4 <u>choristers</u>, viz., Messrs. <u>Eli Whitney</u>, Ebenezer <u>Chamberlain</u> junior, <u>Jonathan Batherick</u>, and Elisha Parker.
- 21. Administred the Lords Supper.

Sacrament

N.B. Messrs. Aaron Hutchinson junior and <u>Caleb Alexander</u>, Preachers, attend with us. The Pastor read a Letter from the South, or new, Parish in <u>Bolton</u>, requesting Assistance from this Church in a Fast and embodying a Church there. Voted Complyance; and Dr. <u>Hawes</u> and Deacon <u>Wood</u> to be Delegates. To meet at Mr. <u>Benjamin Baileys</u> in <u>Bolton</u> on the 25th 9 a.m.

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April 4. Elizabeth, of John Forbes baptized.

11. Phineas, of Phinehas and Persis Gleason, was baptized

May 9. <u>Isaac Miller</u> having been for a great while deliquent, both as to the Communion, and even the usual publick worship, offerd an acknowledgement and was restor'd. The same day

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The Lords Supper was administred

16. William, of Paul and Abigail Lampson, who, as Rev. M. Cutler,<sup>39</sup> pastor of the third Church in Ipswich, has given a Certificat, is in Covenant with them, was baptizd.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Result of the late Council at the South Parish in <u>Bolton</u> was read publickly.

23. Peter, of Benajah and Abigail Brigham, baptized

At the Desire of <u>Jonas Bradish</u> the Church was stopd and a Church-Meeting was appointed to be next Tuesday at 2 p.m. [N.B. when no mention of the <u>Place</u>, is formally made, it must be taken for granted, that the <u>Meeting House</u> is intended.]

25. The Church Met. A Paper from Mr. <u>Jonas Bradish</u> was read. Answer to it by the Pastor. A former Omission of waiting on the Ordinance of Baptism for one of his Children was conceivd to be owing to a misunderstanding between him and the Pastor. Then he said,

Jonas Bradish's Acknowledgment

"For what has been since, Now these some Number of years, I own and Confess has been faulty Neglect, in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup>Manassseh Cutler (1742-1823), Yale 1765.

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that I have not used effectual Means to lay the Affair before the Church when I might. For this I ask Forgiveness"

The Church voted Acceptance and he was restord to Charity.

Prayer preceded, and Prayer with the Blessing concluded the meeting.

June 20. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

June 27. <u>Hannah Whitney</u> Daughter of <u>Eleazer Whitney</u>, offerd a Confession of the Sin of Fornication, which was accepted, and She was restord to Charity. She was also admitted into full Communion with this Church. And

Thankfull, of Benjamin and Lucretia Warrin was baptizd.

July 4. Elizabeth, of Hannah Whitney was baptized.

August 1. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

- 8. Joseph, of Joseph Esq. and Martha Baker, and Lucy, of Elisha and Hannah Forbes, baptized.
- 29. Stephen Maynard was admitted into full Communion with the Church, and Nathan Townsend and Sarah his wife, having removd their Dwelling to Fitz William, and desird Dismission to the Church there, their Request was Voted, and that they be recommended to their Acceptance.

September 12. The Lords Supper administred.

Sacrament

Sarah, of Abijah and Susanna Gale, baptized as was Samuel, of Paul and Abigail Lampson.

19. Ephraim, of Jonathan and Sarah Forbes, baptized. P.M. A Contribution for <u>Artemas</u>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup>Samuell, s. Stephen and Mary Cook, b. Sept. 30, 1779; WVR, 35.

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May 14. Elisha, of Paul and Hannah Biglow, baptized

After a <u>Contribution</u> to the Relief of the Rev. Mr. <u>Peter Whitney</u>, (who was lately burnt out); the Church stopd and Mrs. <u>Persis Adams</u>'s Answer by the Committee lately Sent to her, was read.

Voted that the Church meet on next Tuesday come Fortnight at 2 p.m.

Church Meeting appointed, to be the 30th

May 28. <u>Joseph Hardy</u> and <u>Lucy</u>, his Wife were admitted into full Communion with the Church. <u>Lydia</u>, of Solomon and Mary Miller and <u>Persis</u>, of Eleazer and Sarah Ryder, <u>were baptized</u>.

May 30. The Church according to Appointment. The meeting was opend with Prayer. Mrs. Persis Adams was present, but her Husband was not. It was conceived that since Mr. Adams was not here, and was not like to come, it would be most advisable to adjourn this Affair, and therefore This was Voted: and the Day to be (God-willing) the last Monday in August next, at 2 p.m.

Church Meeting
— Adams; and 2
Deacons more.

In Conformity to the Motion made by the Deacons, Deacon <u>Bond</u> especially who is grown very infirm, the Church Voted to elect <u>Two more Deacons</u>.

Voted that Brother <u>James Hawes</u> be the first of them — who desird some time to consider of it.

Again Voted; and Brother <u>Jonathan Child</u> was chose; but refusd. However, he was requested to take it into more mature Consideration. The Meeting concluded with Prayer and the Blessing.

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June 4. Ruth and Simon, of Joseph and Lucy Hardy, were baptizd.

#### Sacrament

18. The Lords supper administred.

Joseph and Benjamin, of Gershom junior and Esther Brigham, baptizd.

July 2. Lucy, of Jos. and Lucy Hardy, baptized.

- 9. <u>Elijah Brigham</u>, and <u>Susanna</u> (wife of <u>Jabez</u>) <u>Snow</u>, were admitted into full Communion. As was <u>Jabez Snow</u>, heretofore a Member of the Church in Southborough, but dismissed and recommended to this Church.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Ephraim-Brigham, of Elijah and Martha Hardy, was baptizd.
  - 20. Fast in this State.
- 23. The Brethren of the Church were stopd and a Paper Dated Westborough, July 21, Signd by <u>Daniel Adams</u>, was read, and inasmuch as there is an Adjournment of the Church Meeting within the month of August: it was thought most advisable to refer it unto Consideration then.

The Church was dismissd with the Blessing.

N.B. Mr. <u>Adams</u> did not Stay with the Church, though he was at meeting, and it was his <u>own Affair</u>: No man forbad him.

# Sacrament

July 30. Samuel and Sarah Thurston were admitted into full Communion and the Lords Supper was administred.

August 13. A Contribution for Mr.

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<u>Abraham Bond</u>,# when were gatherd 593<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Dollars and thirteen Notes of Grain, Labor and other Things, necessary and usefull.

#His Barn was burnt by Lightning, Friday, July 28th last.

- 20. The following Children of Samuel and Sarah Thurston were baptiz'd, viz., Sarah, Samuel, Elizabeth, Joseph, Eli, Hannah.
- 27. <u>Hannah</u>, Wife of <u>Thomas Andrews</u>; also <u>John</u> and <u>Mehitabel Fay</u>, were admitted into full Communion.

The Brethren were stopd, and at the Request of Mrs. <u>Persis Adams</u>, the Church meeting was adjournd further, to Tuesday, a month after the next: which will be at September 26, to be at 2 p.m. at the same place. The Consideration of Mr. <u>Daniel Adams</u>'s Paper was deferred to the Same Adjournment.

September 3. <u>Nathan</u> and <u>Persis Fay</u> dismissd and recommended to the Church in Alsted.

The Church was Staid to receive the Answer of Dr. <u>Hawes</u> and Brother <u>Child</u>. The former acquiesed in the Choice "that is, if there was no Objection and if the Church were unaminous."

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Whereupon a Vote was Tryd and there was every Hand.

Upon which he was declard a Deacon of this Church.

Brother Child made answer still in the Negative, refusing to Serve.

The Church was dismissd with the Blessing.

Sacrament

10. The Lords Supper was administred.

And Brother <u>Hawes</u> attended his Duty.

The same Day <u>Polly</u>, of John and Mehitable Fay; <u>Lettice</u>, of Samuel and Margaret Rider (who had Certificat from Rev. Mr. Fitch of Hopkinton); and <u>Samuel</u>, of Thomas and Hannah Andrews were baptized.

17. Martha, of Elisha and Hannah Forbes baptized

September 24. At the Request of Mrs. <u>Persis Adams</u> the Church Meeting by adjournment to the 26, was yet further adjournd, by the Consent of the Brethren, to the Second Thursday in November 2 p.m. for this Reason, that she could not get ready before that time.

October 1. <u>Elizabeth Adams</u>, Wife of <u>Daniel Adams junior</u> was admitted into full Communion.

Anson, of Daniel and Rebecca Stockwell baptized

15. <u>Polly</u> and <u>Samuel-Hall</u>, of Daniel junior and Elizabeth Adams, were baptized by Rev. Mr. <u>Sumner</u>.

Sacrament

22. The Lords Supper was administred.

November 5. Susanna, of Jonathan and Hannah Grout, baptized

A Letter from the south Church in Bolton, desiring Assistance in Council, but there was No Vote for it. I went not.

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November 9. The Church met according to the adjournment on the Affair of Mrs. <u>Adams</u> against her Husband. She came; but she replyd that she had not her Evidences; but was endeavouring to get ready for an Hearing. She said that She had something to say to her Husband, but he did not come.

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Mr. <u>Adams</u>'s Paper, Number 7 of July 23, 1780, was read; and the Pastors Letter to him, which he refers to therein, was read likewise, but inasmuch as he (Mr. A.) had not thought it worth so much regard as to come and defend it (though it was obnoxious to Exceptions and Resentment), it was voted to be dropt. Thus was it dismissd, and the Church-Meeting was dissolvd. We closd with Prayer and Blessing.

- 12. Hannah, of James and Mary Bowman, baptized
- 26. Isaac, of Abijah and Susanna Gale, baptized

December 3. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

- 7. Public <u>Thanksgiving</u>. [At Eve Elisha Livermore was marryd to Lucy Maynard.]
- 17. Mr. Silas Brigham, having removd to <u>Shrewsbury</u>, was by vote of the Church, dismissd from us and recommended to the first Church there.

January 14. The Church was detaind and a Letter dated yesterday, Signd <u>Daniel Adams</u>, to be communicated to the Church, was read, but there were but few members present and a snow storm, it was referred to <u>Consideration</u>.

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February 18. The Church was again detaind on Account of Brother D. <u>Adams'</u> Letter of January 13. By Request it was read a second time. N.B. Brother Adams Present.

After debating upon it, a Motion was made to see whether the Church would do any thing upon it; but nothing was offerd. Then whether they were of the mind to drop it? No Vote. So that It was wav'd. Concluded with Blessing.

25. Mehitable, of John and Mehitable Fay, baptized

March 18. The Church was stopd at noon. Another Letter still, from Mr. <u>Daniel Adams</u>, was read, among other Things, praying that the Communion may not be administred till his Affair is lookd into. But The Church being in no Such situation as to do any thing about it, Mrs. <u>Adams</u>'s Cause not being laid before us, we have nothing to Act upon; the Church voted, as to the <u>Communion</u>, that it was their Desire the Lords Supper might be appointed: and as to the Rest of the Letter, their minds were that there was nothing to be done further; the Pastor having Answered it, in his Reply; which was read to Mr. A. in the presence of the Church, and the Brethren acquiesced in it. Mr. Adams's Complaint was that his Wife delayd to prosecute, or bring her Cause to any Issue. Whereupon the Pastor proposd his writing to her: And This was accepted. Then were they Dismissd with the Blessing.

Sacrament March 25. The Lords Supper was administred.

April 15. Susanna-Brigham, of Breck and Susanna Parkman, was baptizd.

May 3. The General Fast.

Sacrament

6. The Lords Supper administred.

Daniel, of James junior and Mercy Miller baptized.

13. Silas, of John and Mary Harrington baptized.

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- June 3. Nathan Kenny, Simon Forbes and <u>Susanna</u> his Wife were admitted into full Communion with the Church.
- 10. Antipas, of Barnabus and Eunice Newton, and Mary and Abner of Simon and Susanna Forbes baptized
  - 17. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

July 1. Joseph, of Joseph and Ruth Harrington; Jabez of Benajah and [blank] Brigham;<sup>41</sup> Hannah, of Joseph and Esther Belknap, baptizd.

The Church was Stopd. A Letter from Mr. D. Adams of the 13 of June read. Question was put Whether the Church is of the mind that there is any Thing in this Letter that requires a Church Meeting upon it? Or is there any Thing that they would consider, and act upon, Now? It passed in the Negative

- 22. Anna, of Isaac and Margery Parker, baptized
- 29. The Lords Supper was administred.

Sacrament

- P.M. <u>Elizabeth</u>, of <u>Eli</u> and Deborah <u>Warren</u> and <u>Anna-Sophia</u>, of Elijah and <u>Anna-Sophia</u> Brigham were baptizd.
- August 5. Abihail, Daughter of Moses and Lydia Wheelock, baptizd.
- September 2. Joseph, of Eleazer and Sarah Rider, baptized
- 9. The Lords Supper was administred. Simon, of Simon and Susanna Forbes, baptizd

Sacrament

September 30. Beulah, wife of Benjamin Fay, was admitted to full Communion.

The Church was Stopd and a Letter from our Brother Daniel Adams was read. In it he informs that on the 2d Tuesday of October next a Number of Churches are requested to meet at his House and desires us to attend with them.

The question was put, Whether this Church does comply therewith? There was not a Vote. But one hand was lifted up for it.

October 7. Six Children of Benjamin and Beulah Fay were baptiz'd, viz., Benjamin and Solomon, Martha, Beulah, Lydia and Lucy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup>Jabez, s. Benajah and Abigail Brigham, b. May 12, 1781; WVR, 26.

Sacrament \_\_\_\_\_21. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper was administred.

28. Alpheus, of Nathan and Eunice Kenny, baptized

The Church was detaind to hear the Request of <u>Enoch</u> and <u>Olive Rice</u>, who are gone to live in Brookfield, that their Confession of the Guilt of Fornication might be read to the Church and People of Westborough and they restord to Charity, without their personal presence here, considering the Distance of their Abode from hence, and the Difficultys of their attending here. N.B. A letter upon this Affair from the Rev. Mr. Joseph Appleton, Pastor of the Church, where those people dwell, and recommending them, was also read.

Voted that Said Request be granted.

Also a Letter from <u>Daniel Adams</u>, dated October 26 current, was read, and it coming but last night, it was left to Consideration.

November 4. Sarah Harrington, wife of Caleb, was admitted into full Communion.

\_\_\_\_\_11. The Confession of Enoch and Olive Rice was read to the Congregation and Ebenezer, Barnard, Hannah and Elizabeth, Children of Caleb and Sarah Harrington baptized

18. Joseph, of Daniel and Rebecca Stockwell, baptized

December 2. The Church was Stopd that their Minds might be shewn concerning Mr. Adams's Letter of Octob. 26, last, in which he manifests himself ready

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to come, if he may without uneasiness to any of the Members.

The Question was put, whether his Request may be granted?

<u>Voted</u>, that considering the Circumstances Brother <u>Adams</u> is now in, it is most proper, and it is the Mind of the Church that his Desire be deferred for the Present, inasmuch as his Case with regard to his Wife's Complaint before the Civil Authority, is now depending.

December 13. <u>General Thanksgiving</u>, and Contribution for the Sufferers in the Southern States, especially for those in South <u>Carolina</u> and <u>Georgia</u>.

23. Phebe, of Hananiah and Hephzibah Parker, baptized.

February 24. Abner-How, of Elijah and Martha Hardy; Samuel, of Joseph Esq. and Martha Baker, baptized

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March 10. Polly, of Caleb and Sarah Harrington baptized.

24. Lords Supper administred.

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- 31. Daniel, of Daniel and [blank] Chamberlain baptized. 42
- April 7. Susanna, of Abijah and Susanna Gale baptized. And the Church was Stopd to hear another Letter from Brother <u>Daniel Adams</u>.
  - 14. Mehitabel-Brigham, of John and Mehitabel Fay, baptizd.

The Church was Stopd again (by Desire) to hear two Letters which the Pastor had prepard to Send, one to sister <u>Persis Adams</u>; and the other to her Husband.

28. Nahum, of Joseph junior and [blank] Grout, baptized. 43

May 5. The Lords Supper was Administred.

Sacrament

\_\_\_\_ 19. Lucretia, of Benjamin and Lucretia Warrin, baptizd.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup>Daniel, s. Daniel and Lydia Chamberlin, b. Mar. 11, 1782; WVR, 32.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup>The birth is not in the *WVR*, but this may have been the child of Joseph and Phebe Puffer of Wrentham whom Joseph Grout, Jr., int. July 15, 1781; *WVR*, 163. Nahum, s. Joseph and Phebe, b. Apr. 4, 1782; Grafton VR, 62.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup>Jason, s. Ebenezer and Esther Chaimberlen, b. Apr. 18, 1782; WVR, 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup>The *WVR* give the birth of Elijah, s. James and Mary Bowman, on July 5, 1784. Parkman, who preached in Shrewsbury that day, did not mention a baptism in his diary.,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup>Sarah, [dau. Stephen and Mary], b May 30, 1782; WVR, 35.

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August 18. Lydia, of Samuel and Sarah Thurston, baptized

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. The Church met.

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The Meeting was opend by Prayer.

The Bus'ness of the Meeting was declard, viz., to consider Brother <u>Adams'</u> Request of Dismission and Recommendation to the Church of <u>Hopkinton</u> and his Wife's Paper of Complaint against him. N.B. Mrs. <u>Adams</u> was present: but <u>the man was not</u>, till some while, but a Letter of his, of the 17 inst. was read. When he did come, he tarried not; but as Soon as it was known, he arose and uttering a few words, of <u>hope that we would do justice</u>, he hurried away out; against all Endeavours to detain him; and although it was his own Affair which we were met upon, yet he would not Stay. This Conduct was Surprizing and very disorderly.

<u>Voted</u> to go on; and notwithstanding to read Mrs. <u>Adams</u>'s <u>Evidences</u> — viz., Miss <u>Abigail Graves</u>, Mrs. <u>Dinah Bond</u>, Mrs. <u>Sarah Grout</u>, Mrs. <u>Elizabeth Adams</u>, and Mr. <u>John Tidd</u>.

Voted Adjournment to the 23rd of September next, at 2 p.m. this place (by divine leave). Voted that, at the Same time that Our Brother Adams is informd of the Adjournment and requird to attend, that he be therewith Rebuk'd for his Disorderliness in breaking away from the Meeting without Leave; and in such manner as to cast Contempt upon the Church.

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The Church saw fit to have a Day of Solemn <u>Fasting</u>, <u>Humiliation</u> and Prayer, appointed. It was on Consideration of the <u>Various Frowns</u> of Heaven upon us (in the Continuance of the War, and the great perplexities and Difficultys which the People are involv'd in; the <u>Drought</u> etc.) The evident <u>Increase</u> of <u>Vice</u> and <u>Wickedness</u>, and the sorrowfull <u>Decay</u> of <u>Religion</u> in these very degenerate Times.

<u>Voted</u>, that Thursday next, the 29 instant, be the Time; and that it be recommended to the <u>Congregation</u> to join with us herein.

Prayer and the Blessing concluded this Meeting.

25. The Congregation manifested their Concurrence with the Church in requesting a Fast on the 29th and it was accordingly appointed.

29th was Observd as a Day of Fasting and Prayer, which may God graciously accept!

Sacrament

September 1. The Lords Supper was administred.

23. The Church met according to Adjournement. The Meeting was opend by Prayer. <u>Daniel</u> and <u>Persis</u> Adams present.

The Bus'ness is to consider the Complaint of the latter against her Husband.

Previous to which was a Pathetic Address to Parties, urging to Love and Peace.

It was offerd to them to choose some Wise and indifferent men to hear and determine etc.

The Church being Obligd to enter upon the very difficult Affair, Mrs. Adams's Complaint being read, and, her (Sworn)

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Witnesses having been read before, Mr. <u>Adams</u> producd his; and they having been given upon Oath (except [blank] Cooks which was deliverd in presence of two persons), they were read. Also Mrs. <u>Adams</u>'s Petition to the Governour and Council was read. Two living Evidences calld by D. <u>Adams</u>, viz., Deacon Phips and Mr. Timothy were calld and heard.

Voted that there Should be a <u>Committee</u> chosen out of the Church to hear, consider and advise on these Differences.

Voted	that the Number be Five.
T	hat Brother Elijah Brigham be One.
T	hat Deacon Hawes be another.
T	hat Brother Joseph Harrington be another
	Brother Isaac Davis, another.
a	nd that Brother Eli Whitney be another.

That this Committee Sit at this Place, this day Fortnight, at 9 o'clock a.m., and when they Shall be ready, make Report to the Church, whom the Pastor will call together to hear and determine. The above Committee to have power to call for Persons, Papers, etc.

The Meeting concluded with Prayer and the Blessing.

October 20. The Lords Supper was administred. Sarah, of Jonathan and Sarah Forbes, was baptized.

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27. Mary of Paul and Hannah Biglow baptized.

[Note: The following entries are in a different hand.]

December 22d. John of Joseph and Esther Belknap Baptized by David Hall, D.D.

October 27, 1782. Last entry by Mr. Parkman.

Whole number of Baptisms to this date, or during Mr. Parkman's Ministry, is 1346.

[Marginal notation:] Mr. Parkman died December 9, 1782.

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January 14, 1783. The first Church Meeting after the Decease of the Reverend E. Parkman for the purpose of hearing the Report of a Committee previously Chosen to hear and consider the Matter of difference between Mr. Daniel Adams and his Wife Persis. Reverend Mr. Sumner Moderator.

The Meeting Opend by Prayer. No perticular Observation made on the Report. Mrs. Persis introduced a paper Sworn too by her against Her Husband Daniel Adams, as She said but directed to No Body.

Voted next to hear said paper Read at this meeting.

2. Whether the Church is Authorized to consider aid paper as introduced. Passed in the Negative.

3dly Voted the Person that handed said paper have Leave to withdraw et.

4. Voted there be a Church Committee to do whatever their Wisdom shall dictate for the purposes of settling the difference between Daniel Adams and his Wife Persis

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5ly Voted the Number be 3.

Brother Abijah Gale Brother James Hawes Brother Joseph Baker

6ly Voted Brother Elijah Bregham be a Clerk P.T.

7. Voted the Meeting stand Adjourned to the Third Tuesday in the Next ensuing March further to Consider a Report of Committee already made and to hear the Report of a late Present Committee.

January 19. Sophia of Isaac and Margaret Parker was Baptized by Reverend Jonathan Newell.

March 18, 1783. The Church met according to Adjournment. The Meeting was Opened by Prayer by the Reverend Mr. J. Sumner. The business is to hear the Report of a Committee Chosen to do their endeavor to Effect a Settlement of difficulty between Daniel Adams and his Wife Persis. Report that their Attemps are ineffectual and said Adams not disposed to treat with them as a Church Committee.

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After voting [to?], and hearing said Report then

2ly. Voted whether it be the Minds of the Church Agreeable to Brother Daniel Adams Request to dismiss him from His perticular Relation to this Church and Recommend Him to the Church of Christ in Hopkinton. Passed in the Negative.

3ly. Voted there be a Committee to draw up for Brother Daniel Adams in writing the Reasons of the Churchs not granting his Request of dismission and Recommendation and present the same to the Church for their Consideration.

4ly. That the number of Three

Brother Elijah Brigham Brother Abijah Gale Brother Joseph Harrington

- 5. Voted the latter part of a Report of a Former Committee Relative to Persis, Wife of Daniel Adams, be not considered at this Meeting but defered.
- 6. Voted this Meeting be adjourned to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of March p.m.

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The Church met According to Adjournment, being derectly after the Services of an Occasional Fast, called for the purpose of imploring direction from Heaven in the Choice of a Minister.

The Business is to consider the perticulars as drawn up by a Committee as Reasons why the Church would not comply with Brother Daniel Adams Request of Dismission and Recommendation to the Church of Christ in Hopkinton.

Read and Accepted by a Vote of the Church.

2ly Voted there be a Committee to present the same to Brother Daniel Adams and Converse with him on the subject. That the number be 3.

Brother Elijah Brigham Brother Abijah Gale Brother Joseph Harrington

3ly Voted the Meting be Dessolved.

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March 23, 1783. Susanna of Simon and Susanna <u>Forbes</u> was Baptized by Rev. Joseph Sumner.

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1783. Elijah of Elijah and Anna-Sophia Brigham was baptized by Rev. Elisha Fish.

August 3, 1783. Lewis of Abijah and Susanna Gale; Nabby of Phinehas and Persis Gleason; Joel of Isaac and Abigail Meller; and Elizabeth of Benjamin and Bulah Fay were all baptized by Reverend Elisha Fish of Upton. Lords Supper was administred by E. Fish.

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September 14. Polly of Moses and Lydia Wheelock was baptized by Rev. Peter Whitney. Lords Supper Administred.

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October 20<sup>th</sup>. The Church met according to Appointment. The Meeting was Opened by Prayer by Reverend Mr. Sumner. The Business Various.

- 1. Voted to pass over the first Article, viz., whether any future Minister shall have the Power of Negative.
- 2. Voted that those persons now in Covenant and not as yet come to full communion be called on and treated with for their neglect of Duty.
- 3. That the Church be resolved into a committee for that purpose. 25 present. 14 carry the Vote. So declared.
- 4 Voted to discontinue the Mode of this Church in Admitting Persons to the Priviledge of Dedicating their Children in Baptism that are not in full communion or do not come to the other Ordinance, viz., the Supper

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5. Voted this Meeting stand adjourned to Monday, 27 current, at 9 o'Clock A.M. to be held at the Meeting House in Westborough further to consider of things Relative to this Church as set forth in certain papers then to be produced.

Opened by Prayer by Reverend Sumner, Moderator

October 27. Church met according to adjournment. The business is to consider some thing of Mr. Adams Case. Also try the minds of the Church with respect to a Preacher.

- 1st Article acted on in the Meeting is whether the Church will Consider and Act on that part of a Report made January 14, 1783, by a Committee Chosen to Examine into the difficulty and foundation of Contraversy between Brother Daniel Adams and his Wife Persis. That Respected Said Persis Passed in the Negative.
- 2. Mrs. Adams having Requested Priviledge by a line directed to this Church

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Voted there be a Committee to consider matters Relative to Her said Persis as contained in different Papers before Ehibited [sic], together with such as shall or may be derected to the Church, that they Report as soon as Convenient, and also that they notify the Parties, viz., Daniel Adams and his wife Persis, to Attend.

3. Voted the Committee Consist of three

Deacon Jonathan Bond Brother John Belknap Deacon James Hawes, Committee

- 4. Voted to try the Minds of this Church in making Further Application for Preaching. This question was put whether it be the minds of this Church to hear Mr. Wilkins again. Passed in the Negative.
- 5. Whether it be the minds of this Church to hear Mr. Judson any more. Passed in the Affirmative.

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- 6. Voted the Committee for Supplying the Pulpit be directed to inform Mr. Judson that they would hear him further with a View to settle Him.
- 7. The Meeting was Dissolved.

#### 1783

December 14, 1783. Lords Supper was Administred by Reverend Mr. Sumner.

Fortunatus Miller and his Wife Elisabeth were admitted into full Communion with the Church.

Sarah of Barnabas and Eunice Newton; Debby of Levi and Deborah Warrin; Timothy of Solomon and Thankful Batherick; and Abner of Fortunatus and Elisabeth Miller were all Baptized by Reverend Sumner.

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March 16, 1784. Church meeting According to Appointment for the purpose of seeing whether it is the Minds of the Church to give Mr. Judson a Call to settle in the Ministry. Meeting was Opened by Prayer by Our Reverend Moderator Mr. Sumner.

Many things were said in Objection to giving Mr. Judson a Call at this Time.

At length voted

1st. That it be the Minds of This Church to confer with Mr. Judson in public, previous to their proceeding to manifest their minds in giving him a Call to settle with them in the work of the Minestry.

2dly. Voted that their be a Committee to wait on Mr. Judson to acquaint him with the desired Conference.

3d. That the Committee Consist of Three

Brother Elijah Brigham James Hawes Joseph Baker

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- 4ly. That the Conference be after Lecture Wednesday s'enight if it will comport with Mr. Judson business.
- 5. Voted that the meeting be Adjourned to next Wednesday s'enight 24<sup>th</sup> Currant, 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of Transacting the business of this their meeting as set forth in the Notification which was for the purpose of trying the minds of the Church in giving Mr. Judson a Call to Settle in the Worke of the Ministry.
- March 24. The Church met According to Adjournment. Reverend Moderator Mr. Sumner Present. Meeting was Opend by Prayer.
- 1. Voted to proceed to make Choice of a Candidate for a minester.
- 2. Voted that Mr. Adoniram Judson be invited to settle with them in the work of the ministry.

30 members present 22 for 8 against 30

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3. Voted their be a Committee to wait on the Selectmen to Acquaint them with the Church's Proceeding and Request that there be a meeting called to see whether the Town will Concur with the Church in giving Mr. Adoniram Judson a call to settle with them in the ministry. That the Committee consist of Three

Brother James Hawes Elijah Brigham Eli Whitney

4ly. That the meeting be dissolved.

April 4. Lords Supper was administred. And Ebenezer of Seth and Lydia Morse; James of Jonathan and Abigail Batherick; Sarah of Caleb and Sarah Harrington were all Baptized by Reverend Mr. Emons of Franklin.

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May 16, 1784. Lords Supper Administred.

May 10. Elijah and Elisha, twins of Daniel and Rebeckah Stockwell, were Baptized By Reverend Elisha Fish of Upton.

23. Lord's Supper was administred. Mehetable Lealand, wife of Eli Lealand, was Admitted to full Communion with the Church.

Also Mendwell Entweshill, wife of Edmund Entwishill, after humbling herself for the Sin of Fornication before God and Man, was admitted into Full Communion with the Church.

John of John and Mehetable Fay; Silas of Eli and Mehetable Lealand; and Aron Hill of Mindwell Entwishill were all Baptized by the Reverend Amoriah Frost of Melford.

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June 20, 1784. Sabbath. The Church Tarry After the Blessing. Hear the Report of a Committee that had taken Cognizance of papers Relative to Brother Daniel Adams and his Wife Persis. Also appointed a Church meeting to be Thursday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of July next ensuing, to consider and hear any Matter of Greevance and Difficulty between said Adams and his Wife.

And derected the Clerk to Furnish Brother Adams with a Copy of his Wife's complaint, sworn to before Jonathan Ward Esq. Likewise Notify him and his Wife to Attend said Meeting.

June 27. Being the Sabbath, the Church Tarry after the Blessing is pronounced. And postpone the Meeting appointed to be on Thursday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, to the 12<sup>th</sup> of August next Ensuing ad [sic] 3 o'Clock P.M. for the purposes enumerated in the first Appointment.

The improbability of seasonably furnishing Brother Adams weth a Copy of his Wife's complaint Occasion the defering of the Meeting.

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July 4<sup>th</sup> Lords Supper Administred.

Benjamin Ball and Lucy his Wife were admitted to Full Communion with the Church.

Joseph and Benjamin, Twins of Benjamin and Lucretia Warrin; Patty of Joseph and Esther Belknap; Elisha of Eliazer and Sarah Rider were all Baptized By Reverend Elisha Fish.

August 16. Lords Supper Administred.

Sophia of James and Mary Bowman, and Joel of James and Mary Godfrey were baptized Per Reverend Mr. Sumner.

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August 12, 3 o'Clock P.M. The Church mett according to Appointment to hear and consider matters of difficulty between Brother Daniel Adams and his Wife Persis. The Parties Present. After some conference

1. Voted to make the Offer and Proposal to the Parties contending, viz., Brother Adams and as [sic] his wife to join with them in a mutual Council in Referring the whole matter of difficulty pending between them as members in Relations to this Church and whatever concerns the Church Relative to them as Such.

The Parties hesitating about referring their difficulties to the Judgment and Determination of a Mutual Council,

The Church Vote

2ly. To give them one fortnight to consider of the proposal and give notice of their Determinations with Respect to the matter.

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- 3ly. Voted to adjourn the meeting a fortnight, i.e., to the Currunt 2 o'Clock P.M. at the meeting house, then and there to hear the determination of Brother Adams and his Wife Persis about joining in a mutual Council for the purpose of settling their difficulties as members of this Church and what concerns the Church in Relation to them, and Act any thing thereon or Relative thereto, as the Church shall find necessary or Expedient when Mett.
- August 26. The Church mett according to adjournment for the purposes above mentioned. The meeting opened by prayer by Reverend Mr. Sumner.
- 1<sup>st</sup>. Take into consideration the Reply of Brother Adams to the proposal made him to join in calling a Mutual Council, which came in writing (he not present) and signified that he expected matters would be Stated

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to lay before a Council, and they Notified of the Allegations against him previous to the calling a Council.

Mrs. Adams being present, the Question was put whether it be the Minds of this Church to call on Her to know whether She would join in calling a Council for the aforesaid purposes, and it passed in the afermative.

Then the question was asked Mrs. Adams whether She would join with the Church in Referring the whole difficulty between her and her husband to a Council, and She answered She had no thought of it.

2. Voted to hear the Report of a Former Commtte, Viz., Jonathan Bond
John Belknap
James Hawes

Chosen in October last part to take into Consideration papers Relative to the Woman. After hearing their report

3. Voted to Recommitt the whole matter Respecting Brother Adams and his Wife and

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And 4. Voted there be an Adition to the aforesaid Committee Consisting of 4 in Number, Brothers Joseph Harrington

Abijah Gale Elijah Brigham Daniel Chamberlain.

- 5. Voted that the Committee be instructed to Notify the Parties to attend their Meeting, and that the Committee take into their Consideration the whole Affair Respecting Brother D. Adams and his Wife and Report (as appears to them) the State of Facts and likewise what they recommend for a final Decision.
- 6ly. Voted to Adjourn this meeting for one fortnight.
- 7. Voted to reconsider the last Votes and that the meeting be Adjourned to next monday come senight being 6<sup>th</sup> of September Next 2 o'Clock P.M. to hear the Report of the aforesaid Committee at the Meeting House

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1784

September 6. Met According to adjournment to hear the Report of the Committee.

Meeting opened by Prayer by Reverend Sumner, after which Mr. Sumner gave some salutary advice to Brother Adams and his Wife but, not having its desired Effect,

- 1. Voted to hear the Report. The Report being Read
- 2ndly. Voted to accept the report. The Parties being present and not Shewing their Approbation of the Report: Voted
- 3ly. that the Clerk be directed to furnish the Parties, viz., Brother Adams and his Wife, with a Copy of the Committees Report.
- 4. Voted that the Meeting be dessolved.

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## Church Records

1784

September 26. Church Met according to Appointment to take under consideration the State of this Church relative to those who are in the Relation of the half way Covenant so called and Converse with them on the subject (there having been a Committee previously chosen to Notify all those in Covenant to Attend).

After much Conversation about the propriety and impropriety of the Modes of addmitting Persons to the priviledges of Baptism for themselves and Children that do not come to the Ordenances of the Supper, it subsided with any Vote being Past thereon.

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After conversing on other Matters and that especialy relative to Settling a Minister,

- 1. Voted to have a day of Fasting and Prayer as preparetory to giving some Candidate a call to settle in the work of the Ministry.
- 2. Voted the Fast be next Thursday Sinight (the Services be at the Usual Time of Day).
- 3. Voted to send and desire the Assistance of five Churches —

Reverend Mr. Sumner of Shrewsbury

Mr. Grosvenor of Grafton

Mr. Fish of Upton

Mr. Fitch of Hopkinton

Mr. Whitney of Northborough

4. Voted to desire the Congregation to join this Church in calling a Fast for the Above purpose.

Then Voted to Dessolve this Meeting.

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- October 10<sup>th</sup>. Lords Supper Administred by Rev. Elisha Fish, and Antipas of John and Mary Harrington; Anna of Elisha and Hannah Forbes; Benjamin and Lucy of Benjamin and Lucy Ball were all Baptized.
- October 21. Church met according to Appointment agreeable to the request of a Number of the Brethren after being duly notified for the purpose of Electing some One Candidate to Settle over them in the Work of the Ministry.

After the meeting was Opened, Mr. Edmunds Mills, who has been supplying the Pulpit for some time, was present and at the Dersire of the Church made a Short Prayer.

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After Prayer Mr. E. Mills made some observations to the Church relative to their proceeding to give a Candidate a Call, said he thought it did, and would Operate to the Disadvantage of both Candidate and People for a People to give, and a Candiate to have a Call, Unles a Union together took place — and further that He understood He was the One the Church had in View to give a Call at this Time, and said if that was the case He advised them advised to let the matter Rest, for if He had a Call at this Time, even if it was pretty unanimouis, as he had reason to think a Tolerable Union would take place if their minds were taken, that even then it was improbable that He should Tarry, for He was soon going to Joarney a Distance and could not till what would take place in the interim, etc., and retired.

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Then the Church had some Conversation on what Mr. Mills had Observed to 'em, after which the Question was put whether it be the Minds of the Church to proceed at this Time to give any Candidate a Call to Settle over 'em in the Minestry. Passed in the Affirmative.

Then Votes were call for by the Deacons who Stand as Moderators at this Meeting, which were brought in writin, after the Question was asked whether the Votes were all that might be Expected brought in, and no answer made, the Votes were by the Deacons counted one by one and found to be all for Mr. Edmund Mills. Accordingly the Votes were declared, and that the Church had made Choice of Mr. E. Mills to be their Pastor.

34 Members Present

29 Voted for Mr. Mills.

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2. Voted their be a Committee Chosen to wait on the Selectmen, with a Copy of the Church's Vote, and request them to call a Town Meeting to see if the Town will concur with the Church in giving Mr. E. Mills a Call to the Pastoral Charge of both Church and People in this place.

3ly. That the Committee consist of Three

Brother Abijah Gale Brother Joseph Haringtron Deacon James Hawes.

- 4. Voted their be a Committee to wait on, and acquaint Mr. Mills with the Vote of the Church.
- 5. Voted that it consist of Three

Brother Abijah Gale Brother James Hawes Brother Elijah Brigham

6. The Meeting by a Vote was Dessolved.

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November 28. The Lords Supper Administred by Mr. Grosvenor of Grafton, and by him were Baptized

<u>Samuel</u> of Joseph and Ruth Harrington <u>Elizabeth</u> of Daniel and Lydia Chamberlain and <u>Anson</u> of Stephen and Sarah Maynard.

The Church being Together on the 21 of October 1784, Took under Consideration the Conduct of Brother Samuel Fay who has Absented himself bothe from Public Worship and Ordenances a very considerable part of the Time in years past. And came into a Resolution of sending a Committee to converse with him on the subject.

1. Voted that the Committee consist of five, viz.,

Deacon Benjamin Wood Brother Joseph Harrington Brother Joseph Baker Deacon Jonathan Bond Brother Eli Whitney

be a Comitteee for that purpose.

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Then Voted their be a Committee of Seven to go and talk who those Brethren who are in the half way Relation (so called by some) for their neglect of Duty in not coming to the Ordenance of the Supper – And that

Brother Joseph Baker Brother Abijah Gale Brother Joseph Harrington Brother Samuel Forbush

Brother David Batherick

Brother Jonas Brigham and

Brother Ebenezer Chamberlain Junior

be a Committee for that purpose. And furthermore that they enquire of Barnabas Newton for a breach of Sabbath by servile Labor as is Reported — Likewise of Benjamin Warren for profane swearing, both of whom are in covenant.

Then Appointed a Church Meeting to be on the 22 of November next at 2 o'Clock P.M. to hear the Report of the aforesaid Committees.

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- November 21. Being the Sabbath, the Church Tarry after the Services of the Day And adjourn said Meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Instant Four Weeks.
- December 19. The Church Tarry after the Blessing on the Sabbath and Vote to adjourn said Meeting yet Longer, three weeks, viz., to the 9 of January 1785.
- January 9th. The Church Met according to Adjournment to hear the Report of the Aforesaid Committees. Then the first Committee proceeded to inform the Church that they had been to see and Converse with Brother Samuel Fay, and found in him as they thought some marks of Penetence, and say they think it probable he will make Christian satisfaction to this Church for his Desorderly conduct in Absenting himself form [sic] Meeting and Ordenance. Engaged to be at this Meeting but sickness prevents.

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Then the Church Vote that the same committee still Treat with Brother Samuel Fay, that he

Then proceeded to hear the report of the Second and Larger Committee Relative to the half way Members (so called) who inform they have seen and Conversed with many of those in that Relation that say they wish to come to the Table of the Lord, if they could be satisfied

may have further Opportunity to make his peace with this Church.

with respect to their qualifications for the Selemnity.

Brother Joseph Green Sr. being present inform the Church that he hopes soon to come to the Lord Supper. Sometimes he says he is in the Dark, sometimes he has Light, hopes for greater Evedences of his Union to Christ. Barnabas Newton being present made Observations somewhat semelar to Brother Greens and

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And said he was sensible of his defecency in Duty and hope to have doubts removed from his Mind and by the Grace of God enabled to come to his Duty. And likewise he says in Audience of the Church that he is heartily sorry for a Breach of Sabbath of which he has been guilty on account of which he asks the forgiveness of this Church for the Offence. Whereupon the Church voted there Satisfaction.

The Committee proceed further in Relating to the Church what they met with, and say that Nathan Maynard (who is in Covenant) informed them the Reason why he had neglected to come to the Ordinances of the Supper was because he could not find those Evidences within him that he thought requisite and necessary — Thanked them for their Care etc. Others to the like import.

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Richard Barns Jr., when treated with for Breach of the Seventh Command (as has been but too well known), says to the Committee he has broke no Law and has no Satisfaction to make.

Several of the half members (so called) being omitted by the Committee (or out of the way in their endeavor to see them) the Church Vote the same Comittees be requested to see and converse with them for the purposes aforesaid and make Report to the Church at their next Meeting. Adjournd by a Vote to the Second Monday of March next ensuing, 2 of Clock P.M.

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1785. The Church Met According to Adjournment. Meeting being opened, heard the Report of a Comittee Concerning Brother Samuel Fay — and Say that he shew marks of Sorrow in that he had absented himself from public Worship and Ordinances.

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And He sent in writing his Acknowledgement to the Church for this Desorderly Walk, and asked forgiveness upon which the Church Vote to Receive him to their Charity.

Then the Other Committee Report that they had seen and Conversed with Benjamin How, who spake as though he thought the Church had no Business with him since he was in Regular Standing With them in their Late Reverend Pastors Lifetime.

Capt. Stephen Maynard says he consider himself in Relation to the Church and went on to Speak of the Late alteration made by the Church in Despensing with their mode of Admitting person to the priviledge of Baptism. Thought they did it to please Mr. Judson, a late Candidate, and supposed himself that it was wrong.

Then the Church Vote they are Dessatisfied with Richard Barns in Consequece of his breach of the seventh Commandment and of Benjmin Warren for profaness.

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November 24, 1724	Increase Ward (Aged 52) <sup>47</sup>	1724
29	Charles of John and Jennet McCollister	
December 13	Ruth and Rebecca Ward daughter Increase <sup>48</sup>	
20	James of James and Sarah Miller	
January 3, 1725	Sarah, Ruhamah, and Lydia of Isaac and [blank] Tomlin <sup>49</sup>	1725
24	Samuel, Daniel, Phinehas, Aaron Hardy	
February 22	Benjamin of Aaron and Susanna Forbush	
March 7	Jonathan of Jonathan and Martha Howard	
April 4	Jonathan of Jonathan and Martha Howard	
11	Patience of James and Sarah Ball	
	Zipporah of Hezekiah and Elizabeth How	
May 2	Beriah, Noah, and Vashti Rice <sup>50</sup>	
•	William of William and Mary Holloway	
	Mary of Nathan and Mary Ball	
	Ebenezer of James and Sarah Miller	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup>The numeral 52 was added in pencil.
<sup>48</sup>The words "daughter Increase" were added in pencil.
<sup>49</sup>These three daughters of Isaac and Mary Tomlin were born in Marlborough: Sarah, Apr. 15, 1708;

Ruhumah, Sept. 30, 1709; Lidia, June 29, 1716; Marlborough VR, 183.

<sup>50</sup>Children of Thomas and Anna Rice: Vashtai, b. Mar. 7, 1700; Beriah, b. Aug. 20, 1702; Noah, unknown date of birth; Marlborough VR 161, 153

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1725	July 11	Mary of James and Mary Maynard
	18	Ephraim of Habijah and Mary Bruce
	August 22	Sarah of Nehemiah How
	September 19	Mary of Ebenezer and Mary Parkman
	October 3	Jonathan and Elizabeth of John and Hannah Fay
	October 17	Sybil of Isaac and Mary Shattucks
	November 28	Eleazar and Increase of Increase Ward
1726	February 20	Daniel of David and Dinah Goodenow
	March 20	Jason Badcock of Joseph Wheeler
	April 20	Mary of Josiah and Elizabeth Newton
	May 8	Betty of John Jr. and Bathsheba Pratt
	22	Hannah of Joseph and Martha Willard
	29	Jedidiah of Peres and Lydia Rice
	July 10	Noah of Aaron and Susanna Forbush
	September 18	Mary of Isaac and Mary Shattuck
	October 9	Eli of Jonathan and Hannah Forbush
	November 6	Gideon of Jonathan and Martha Howard
	December 25	Persis of Edward and Persis Baker
1727	January 1	Ann of John and Jennet McCollister

	<u>Baptisms.</u>	229
January 15	Mary of William and Mary Holloway	1727
29	Mary of Joseph and Katharine Joslin	
April 2	Mary of Samuel and Deborah Grow	
-	Dorcas of Thomas Jr. and Hannah Forbush	
	Jonathan of Hezekiah and Abigail Ward	
16	Jonathan of Abijah and Mary Bruce	
	Elizabeth of James and Sarah Ball	
May 28	Ephraim of John and Elizabeth Green	
-	Adonijah of Charles and Rachel Rice	
June 4	Eunice of James and Damaris Bradish	
	Benjamin of Simon and Rebecca Tainter	
18	Miriam of James and Mary Maynard	
25	Susanna of Nathan and Mary Ball	
July 30	Lydia of William and Rebecca Nurse of Shrewsbury	
August 20	Samuel of Nehemiah and Margarett How of Hassenamisco	
	Daniel of James and Sarah Miller	
27	Ebenezer of Ebenezer and Mary Parkman	
	Aaron of Joseph and Elizabeth Wheeler	
September 10	Abraham of Eleazar and Hannah Beeman	
17	Joseph of Josiah and Thankfull Rice	
24	Moses, Isaac, and Mary of Eunice Pratt	
October 1	Phinehas and Abigail of Obadiah and Abigail Newton	
15	Mary of Nathaniel and Mary Whitney	
November 12	Mary and Jonas of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin	
December 24	Aaron of Jonathan and Elizabeth Warrin	
	Mary of Samuel and Isabell Ferguson	
31	Asa and Mellissent of Thomas and Mary Rice	
	Ionathan of Cornelius and Funice Cook	

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1728	January 28	Hezekiah Tomlin
	March 10	Timothy of Josiah and Elizabeth Newton
	April 14	Ithamar of Jonathan and Lydia Goodenow
	21	William of Nathaniel and Tabitha Oake
	28	Elizabeth of Samuel and Tabitha Hardy
	May 19	Anna of William and Mary Coi of Framingham
	26	Sarah of Daniel and Mary Thurston
		Eleazar of Eleazar and Hannah Beeman
		Phebe of Joseph and [blank] Willard of Hassenemisco
	July 7	George of (Mary Rice) Oake <sup>51</sup>
	•	Deliverance of Samuel Jr. and Deliverance Fay
	August 18	Charity, Daniel, Sarah, and Anna of Eleazar and Sarah Bellows
	September 15	Timothy of David and Dinah Goodenow
	22	Rebecca of Jonathan and Abigail Livermore from Watertown
	October 27	Ebenezer of Hayward
	November 17	Deliverance of Ward <sup>52</sup>
		Moses of Daniel Warrin <sup>53</sup>
	December 8	Persis of Seth and Dorothy Rice
	22	Abigail of Edward and Persis Baker
1729	January 26	Lucy of William and Mary Holloway
		Daniel of James and Lydia Fay
	February 9	Ruth of Samuel Jr. and Deliverance Fay
	March 23	Artemas of Abijah and Mary Bruce By Rev. Cushing
	April 20	Abigail of Nathan and Mary Ball
	May 11	Hannah of Jonathan and Hannah Forbush
		Ephraim of Peres and Lydia Rice
		Francis of H
	19	Mary and Hannah of John and Jennett McAllistar at their own House
	25	Nathaniel of Nathaniel and Mary Whitney
	June 8	Elizabeth of Simon and Rebecca Tainter
		Thomas of Thomas Jr. and Hannah Forbush
		Phinehas of James and Mary Maynard
	15	Daniel of William and Rebecca Nurse of Shrewsbury
	29	Lydia of John and [blank] Danforth of Billerica <sup>54</sup>

<sup>51</sup>George, s. Mary Rice by first husband, \_\_\_ Oake; WVR, 81.
52Deliverance of Increase Ward; WVR, 100.
53Moses, s. Daniel and Mary Warin, b. Oct. 10, 1728; WVR, 100.
54Birth not in the Vital Records of Billerica, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850 (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1908). The mother was probably Tabatha: John, s. John and Tabatha Danforth, b. Mar. 25, 1731; WVR, 36.

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July 6	Thomas of Ehanazar and Mary Parkman	1729
July 6 13	Thomas of Ebenezer and Mary Parkman Samuel and Susanna of Ephraim and Susanna Allen	1/29
13	Rebecca of Samuel and Tabitha Hardy	
	Robert of Cornelius and Eunice Cook	
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20 27	Samuel of Samuel and [blank] Ferguson from Sudbury	
	Gershom of Gershom and Hannah Fay	
August 3	Edward of Nehemiah and Margaret How of Hassenamisco James of James and Sarah Ball	
17	Sarah and Elijah of Ephraim and Susanna Allen	
24	Anna of James and Damaris Bradish	
September 28	Marshal of Obadiah and Abigail Newton	
November 9	Hannah of John Jr. and Hannah Fay	
January 11	Samuel of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin	1730
•	Edmund of Seth and Dorothy Rice by Rev. Barrett	
March 22	Rebecca of Aaron and Susanna Forbush	
29	Abigail of Hezekiah and Elizabeth How	
	Anna of Nathaniel and Mary Whitney	
April 2 (public fast)	Elijah of Eleazar and Sarah Bellows	
12	Jonathan of Jonathan and Abigail Livermore	
19	Hannah of William and Mary Holloway	
May 3	Seth of James and Sarah Miller	
24	Mehitabel of James and Mehitable Cutler	
June 14	Hannah of Eleazar and Hannah Beeman	
	Sarah of David and Dinah Goodenow	
	Persis of Samuel Jr. and Deliverance Fay	
21	Isaac of Joseph ns Katharine Joslin	
24	Thankfull of Samuel and [blank] Harrington of Weston <sup>55</sup>	
July 12	Jerusha and Martha of Increase and Ruth Ward	
	Abigail of Abijah and Mary Bruce	
August 16	Abigail of Hezekiah and Abigail Ward	
October 11	Lydia of James and Lydia Fay	
18	Lydia and Thomas of Thomas and Lydia Warrin	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup>Thankfull, dau. Samuel and Sarah; WVR, 60.

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	November 1	Nahum of Daniell and Mary Warrin
		Margarett of Samuel and Margarett Gamell
	December 6	Isabell of Samuel and [blank] Ferguson
		Daniel of Cornelius and Eunice Cook
	13	Dinah and Experience of Oliver and Hannah Ward
		Thankfull of [blank] Smith
1731	April 25	Charles of Charles and Rachel Rice
	May 2	Mehitabel of Peres and Lydia Rice
	3	Dorothy of Seth and Dorothy Rice
	May 9	Ebenezer of Thomas Jr. and Hannah Forbush
	3	Hephzibah of Edward and Persis Baker
		Martha of Isaac Jr. and Jemima Tomlin
	23	Timothy of John Jr. and Bathsheba Pratt
	June 27	Thaddeus of Gershom and Hannah Fay
	July 4	John of James and Mary Maynard
	25	Nahum of James and Sarah Ball by Rev. Cushing
		John of [blank] Danforth <sup>56</sup>
	August 1	Jennett of John and Margarett McAllister
	15	Samuel of Samuel and Tabitha Hardy
	September 26	Lydia of Ebenezer and Mary Parkman
	October 31	Sarah of Josiah and Ruhamah Newton
		Ephraim of Ephraim and Susanna Allen
		Mary of Eleazar and Sarah Bellows
	November 7	Martin of Jedidiah and Abigail How
	December 12	Judah of Beriah and Mary Rice
	19	Elizabeth of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin
		Rebecca of Jacob and Hannah Rice
1732	February 13	Josiah of John and Hannah Fay
	20	Joseph of Aaron and Hephzibah Hardy
	27	Silas of Jonathan and Abigail Livermore
		Joseph of Thomas and Lydia Warrin
	April 2	Amos of Nathaniel and Mary Whitney
	16	Cornelius of Cornelius and Eunice Cook
	23	Dinah of David and Dinah Goodenow
	May 7	Abigail of (Ezekiel) and Hannah Upham of Malden <sup>57</sup>

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup>John, s. John and Tabatha Danforth, b. Mar. 25, 1731; WVR 36.
 <sup>57</sup>Not in the Births, Marriages and Deaths in the Town of Malden, Massachusetts, 1649-1850, comp. Deloraine P. Corey (Cambridge, MA, 1903).

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May 24	Samuel of Samuel and [blank] Harrington <sup>58</sup>	
July 9	Joseph of James and Damaris Bradish	
,	Samuel of Simeon and Rebecca Hayward	
23	Mary of Samuel and Margaret Gamel	
September 17	Mary Beton <sup>59</sup>	
•	Isaac of Isaac and Jemima Tomlin	
24	Mary of Daniel and [blank] Warrin <sup>60</sup>	
October 22	Sarah of Eleazar and Hannah Beeman	
	Sarah of Thomas and Sarah Bruce	
November 5	Abner of Charles and Rachel Rice	
	Sarah of Samuel Jr. and Deliverance Fay	
December 31	Betty of William and Mary Holloway	
	Lois of Jacob and Hannah Rice	
January 14	Solomon of James and Sarah Miller	1733
February 18	Joshua of Simon and Rebecca Tainter	
March 11	Asaph of Beriah and Mary Rice	
18	Jemima of Nathan and Mary Ball	
	Samuel of John and Bathsheba Pratt	
April 1	Abigail of James and Mary Maynard	
8	Seth of Nathaniel and Tabitha Oake	
29	Lemuel of Eleazar and Hephziba How of Marlborough	
May 6	Joel of Josiah and Thankfull Rice	
June 10	Hephzibah of Thomas Jr. and Hannah Forbush	
17	Thomas of Aaron and Susanna Forbush	
24	William of William and Sarah Pierce of Hopkinton	
July 15	Elizabeth of John and Rebecca Hicks	
	James of Samuel and [blank] Ferguson <sup>61</sup>	
September 2	Hephzibah of Jonathan and Eunice Flagg	
October 21	Barnabas of Josiah and Ruhamah Newton	
	Lucy of Thomas and Sarah Bruce	
November 11	Stephen of Cornelius and Eunice Cook	
December 3	Asher of Asher and [blank] Rice <sup>62</sup>	
20	Silas of Zebadiah and Thankfull Smith	
27	Sarah of Jonah and Elizabeth Warrin	
	Jedidiah of Jedidiah and Abigail How	
March 24	Eliphalet of Thomas and Lydia Warrin	1734
31	Lydia of James and Sarah Ball	
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 $<sup>^{58}</sup>$ Samuel, s. Samuel and Sarah, b. May 15, 1732; *WVR*, 60.  $^{59}$  "Mary <u>Beton</u> entered into the Christian Profession, and was baptized," Sept. 17, 1732; https://www.colonialsociety.org/node/3860.

60Mary, dau. Daniel and Mary Warrin, b. Sept. 12, 1732; WVR, 104.
61Mother may have been Isabel; see WVR 43.
62Asher, s. Asher and Tabitha Rice, b. Nov. 15, 1733; WVR, 87.

Solomon of Samuel Jr. and Deliverance Fay
April 14 Samuel of John and Margarett McAllister

Baptisms.

	April 21	Sarah of Abner and Vashti Newton
	May 5	Deborah, Sarah, Hannah, Submit of [blank] Ward <sup>63</sup>
	,	Elizabeth of Edward and Persis Baker
		Hannah of Ephraim and Susanna Allen
	June 9	Lucy of Nathaniel and Mary Whitney
		Thomas of Samuel and Tabitha Hardy
		John of John and Jemima Caruth
	23	Palatiah of Palatiah and Sarah Rice of Marlborough
		Hephzibah of Aaron and Hephzibah Hardy
		Jonathan of William and Sarah Pierce
		Dinah of Gershom and Hannah Fay
	July 14	Abigail of Francis and Abigail Whipple
	28	John of Isaac and Jemima Tomlin
		Sarah of Seth and Dorothy Rice
	August 4	Rebecca of William and Rebecca Nurse
	11	Abigail and Samuel of Samuel and [blank] Forbush <sup>64</sup>
	18	[blank] of Simeon and Rebecca Hayward <sup>65</sup>
		Rebecca of Jonathan and Abigail Livermore
	September 1	Uriah of Joseph and [blank] Witherby of Southborough <sup>66</sup>
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	29	Lucy of Ebenezer and Mary Parkman
	October 20	Jonathan of Daniel and Mary Warrin
		Hannah of Jacob and Hannah Rice
	N. 1 04	Zerviah of Thomas and Sarah Bruce
	November 24	Phebe and Timothy of Josiah and Mary Walker
1725	December 8	Thomas of Noah and Hannah Rice
1735	January 5	Lavinia of William and Mary Holloway
	12	Mary of Eleazar and Ruhamah Pratt Mary Graves <sup>67</sup>
	26	Abigail of Daniel and Vashti Hardy
	February 23	Timothy of Beriah and Mary Rice
	March 2	Olive of James and Mary Mainard
	iviai Cii Z	Jonathan of Jonathan and Lydia Goodenow
		Johanan of Johanan and Lydia Goodenow

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup>May 5, 1734: "Deborah, Sarah, Hannah and Submitt Ward, Daughters of Oliver Ward, having given their Solemn Consent to the Covenant, were baptized...." <a href="https://www.colonialsociety.org/node/3863">https://www.colonialsociety.org/node/3863</a>.

<sup>64</sup>Abigail of Samuel and Sarah Forbush b. Aug. 29, 1731; Samuel of Samuel and Sarah Forbush b.

Jan. 13, 1733; WVR, 47, 50.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup>The last name is given as Howard in the other record of the baptism, but the child's name is omitted: <a href="https://www.colonialsociety.org/node/3864">https://www.colonialsociety.org/node/3864</a>. The child may have been Jonathan, s. of Simeon and Rebackah Hayward, b. June 27, 1734; WVR, 62.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup>Uriah, s. Joseph and Unity Witherbee, b. Aug. 14, 1734; *Vital Records of Southborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 103), 84 <sup>67</sup>Jan. 19, 1735: "Mary Greaves was baptizd": <a href="https://www.colonialsociety.org/node/3866">https://www.colonialsociety.org/node/3866</a>

	Baptisms.	235
March 16	James of James and Lydia Fay	
23	Silas of Josiah and Mary Walker	
April 6	Dorothy of Joseph and Dorothy Thurston	
May 4	Eunice of Cornelius and Eunice Cook	
iviay i	Jane of Thomas of Concord and Sarah Billing	
18	Persis of Thomas and Persis Goodenow	
June 8	Elizabeth of Thomas and Hannah Forbush	
August 17	Susanna of Aaron and Susanna Forbush	
1148450 17	Joshua and Samuel of Joshua and Mercy Townsend	
31	David of David and Dinah Goodenow	
31	Antipas and Hazadiah of Josiah and Hazadiah Bowker	
September 14	Joshua of John and Rebecca Hicks	
opromo or r	Tabitha of Asher and [blank] Rice <sup>68</sup>	
October 12	Samuel of Samuel Jr. and Deliverance Fay	
19	Abigail of Joseph and Katharine Joslin	
26	Azuba of Josiah and Thankfull Rice	
November 9	Abigail of Daniel and Abigail Forbush	
16	Martha of Daniel and Martha Warrin	
30	Sarah of James and Sarah Miller	
January 26	Caleb of Jedidiah and Abigail How	1736
J	Thaddeus of Daniel and Martha Warrin	
March 7	Stephen of James and Sarah Ball	
14	Jonathan of Jonathan and Eunice Flagg	
April 1	Abigail of Eleazar and Hannah Beeman	
•	Phinehas of Thomas and Sarah Bruce	
	Josiah of Josiah and Hassadiah Bowker	
4	Daniel of Joseph and [blank] Grout of Waterton <sup>69</sup>	
	Samuel of Samuel and [blank] Gamel <sup>70</sup>	
11	Simeon of Simeon and Rebecca Hayward	
18	Seth of Ithamar and Mary Bellows	
May 9	Silas of Isaac and Jemima Tomlin	
16	Samuel of Simon and Rebecca Tainter	
	Ruth of Seth and Dorothy Rice	
	Lucy of Thomas and Persis Goodenow	
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16	Ruth of Seth and Dorothy Rice Lucy of Thomas and Persis Goodenow	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup>Tabitha, dau. Asher and Tabitha Rice, b. June 17, 1735; *WVR*, 90. <sup>69</sup>Daniel, s. Joseph and Sarah, b. Mr. 21, 1736; *WVR*, 55. <sup>70</sup>Birth not in *WVR*.

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- May 15, 1785. Trowbridge of Ebenezer Jr. and Esther Chamberlain was baptized by the Reverend Mr. David Avery.
- June 19<sup>th</sup>. Lords Supper was Administred. Charles of Breck and Susanna Parkman; David of Isaac and Martha Parker; Hannah of Jonathan and Sarah Forbes; Stephen of Benjamin and Lucy Ball; and Adoniram of Simon and Susanna Forbes were all Baptized by the Reverend Mr. Spaulden of Uxbridge.
- August 21. Mary, Joel, and William of Daniel and Sarah Nurse; likewise Benjamin of Samuel and Sarah Thurston were Baptized by Reverend Mr. Sumner.
- October 16. Cyrus of Abijah and Susanna Gale; Joseph of Hananiah and Hepzebeth Parker; also

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William of Benjamin and Huldah Fay; Leonard of Gershom 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sarah Brigham; and Nahum, William and Nelly of Antipas and Hepzabeth Brigham ware Baptized by Reverend Mr. Sanford.

January 15. Caleb of Caleb and Sarah Harrington was Baptized by Reverend John Cushing.

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Then Voted thire be a Committee to go and Converse with Brother R. Barns and Also with Benjamin Warren for their unchristian Conduct, and Voted Brother John Brigham

Brother Elijah Brigham

Brother Samuel Forbush be

a Committee for that purpose.

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting till the next preparatory Lecture before Sacrament, to be held Directly after the Exercese to hear the Report of the Last mentioned Committee.

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April 7, 1785. Being a Day of Fasting and Prayer. After the Public Exercises, The Church Tarry and Appoint a Meeting to be at the Meeting House on the 12 Instant at 2 oClock P.M. agreeable to the request of Deacon James Hawes, for the purpose of hearing Rehearsed some Matter of Difficulty taken place between said Hawes and the Select Men of Westborough in adjusting an account in favor of Adonijah Rice for whom the Select Men were Agents. The Church Convene at the Time appointed being the 12 of April.

1. Voted that the Selectmen Relate over what Transpired between them and Deacon Hawes. Brother Seth Morse Observed first that Adonijah Rice having furnished the Select Men with a power of Attorney (for the purpose) they went to Settle some Matters of Interest in favor of said Rice Lodged in the hand of Deacon Hawes. Said Hawes Exhibited his account and Asked the Selectmen how they

were agoing to pay him. They Reply they or the Treasurer must give a Note. He says he will not take their Note. Then the Question was Asked the Deacon Hawes whether he had paid the full Sum to Rice's Creditors that he exhibited in his account against his Estate. He Answered every copper. What no abatement. Not one farthing. Then he Observes to the Deacon his account is too high. Whereupon it was in the Sum of £15.0 ust [sic] Down about Seven Dollars.

Brother Joseph Harrington to the like import and that Deacon Hawes said there was no Abatement on a Note of hand against said Rice in favor of Doctor D. Brigham. Mr. Gleason, another of the Selectmen, says the Same. Likewise Mr. Joseph Green Testifies that he Asked Deacon Hawes whether he had paid the whole face of Doctor D. Brigham Note which he exhibited as a Voucher for the Sum Charged in his account as Specified in the Note against Rice. D. Hawes said Yeas every farthing. Turn

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Then He asked whether there was not any Body that flung in any thing in there account with Mr. Rice Seeing he was a poor Man. He said No. Then said Green told him he had seen Doctor Daniel Brigham who said he Received of Deacon Hawes only 30f. for 50/10d. because they Concluded that Rice's Poverty was Such that his Creditors loose part of their Due.

Deacon said many things to expulpale himself for the Answers he gave the Selectmen.

The Church after some Conversation Voted their Dissatisfaction of Deacon Hawes Conduct. Then Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the fifteenth Current 1 o'Clock P.M. for the purpose of Settling the Difficulty if possible Relative to Deacon Hawes as Represented in the Above Conversation.

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April 15. The Church met According to Adjournment. Had Some Conversation Relative to Deacon Hawes in the Affair between him and the Select Men.

Deacon Hawes present. Acknowledges himself to have (through inadvertancey) Done that which gave just Reason to his Brethren to Suspect his Veracity. The Church Vote not Satisfied. Then Voted to Adjourn the Meeting one fortnight from the 19<sup>th</sup> current 2 o'Clock P.M., viz., to May the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

April 19. Being the Sabbath the Lords Supper was Administred.

Gershom Brigham Jr. and his Wife Esther were Admitted to full Communion with the Church. Also Huldah Miller, After humbling herself for the Sin of Fornication, was Admitted to full communion.

Also Elijah, of Moses and Lydia Wheelock; Nathaniel, of Gershom and Esther Brigham; and Zeruiah of Huldah Miller were Baptized by the Rev. Elisha Fish.

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May the  $2^{nd}$  the Church met According to adjournment to consider of the Affair Relative to Deacon Hawes. After the meeting was Opened, there was some conversation on the matter. Then Voted there be a committee of three to make some proposal to Deacon Hawes what he ought to confess in Order for the Churchs Satisfaction.

Brother Elijah Brigham Joseph Harrington Joseph Baker.

Then the meeting was adjourned  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an hour. Then convened again according to the Adjournment and heared Deacon Hawes's Acknowledgement which is as followeth –

To the Church of Christ in Westborough. Beloved Brethren, knowing there is uneasiness among the Brethren

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concerning my conduct when Transacting business in behalf of Adonijah Rice with the Select Men in which I have been supposed by many to have Transgressed the Truth.

I Acknowledge myself Out of the way in Answering the Select Men when Asked by them whether I had paid the whole face of a Note against Said Rice's Estate in favor of Doctor Daniel Brigham, to which I hastely Replied in the Affermative, whereas the Cercumstances demanded a Negative, on account of which Affermative, I gave the Select Men just Reason to Suspect my Veracity, have exposed myself to Your Christian Resentment. Am Sorry therefor, and now ask Your forgivness and Charity — James Hawes.

Which is put on file.

The Church Voted to Accept the Above as Satisfactory. Then the Meeting was Dissolved.

Attest Elijah Brigham, Clerk

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August 17, 1785, being a preparatory Lecter for Communion, the Church Tarry after the Blessing, and Appoint a Church Meeting to be at the Meeting House on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant 1 o'Clock P.M. to hear the Report of a Committee Chosen some Time since to see and Converse With Richard Barns and Benjamin Warren for their breach of Covenant and neglect of Duty — and act any thing thereon or Relative thereto as the Church shall find Best when met.

- 21<sup>st</sup>. Lord's Supper adminestred by Reverend Mr. Sumner. Sarah Nurse, wife of Daniel Nurse, was admitted a member of this Church. Also Abigail Wheelock was admitted a Member and Baptized.
- 22. The Church Met according to appointment. The Committee's Report Respecting Richard Barns and Benjamin Warren and proceeded to hear A Confessen that Mr. Barns had to Offer for the Sin of Fornication, which is on file, and the Church Voted their Satisfaction with Mr. Barns and Charity toward him.

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Then proceeded to hear what Benjamin Warren had to Offer for the Sin of profane Swearing to this Church for their Satesfaction and his peace which is as follows, viz., I confess that I have wickedly transgressed a Righteous Law of God by profaning his Holy Name, and given just Occasion of Offence to my Chrestian Brethren and do now humble myself before God whom I have Offended and ask the forgiveness of God and this Church and prayers for me that I no more behave so unexamplaryly and Reproachfully — Benjamin Warren.

He ordered his name to be inserted on which the Church Voted their Satesfaction and Charity.

Then the Church Meeting was Dissolved.

October 16. Lord Supper was Amenestred by Reverend Sanford, and Phinehas Gleason, Reahamah Frost, Wife of Thomas Frost, Antipas Brigham and Hepzibah his Wife were admitted to full Communion with the Church.

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December. Edmund Chamberlain and his Wife Ruth, Residing at Southborough, Requested a Dismission to the Church there which was attended to and Complied with by a Vote of this Church. Also Hannah Whitney, now Hannah Bellows, Residing at New Marlborough, Requested a Removal of her Relation which was Granted.

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- April 10. Lucy Seaver, wife of Moses Seaver, being a Member of this Church and Removed to D. [blank] in Vermont, Requested Demission from this and Recommendation to the Church in that place which was Voted by the Church of Christ in Westborough.
  - 16. Lord Supper Admenestred by Reverend Mr. Parkard of Marlborough and by him were baptized Pierpont, Betsey and Eli of Edmund and Elizabeth Brigham; Lucy of Joseph and Esther Belknap; and Antipas of Antipas and Hepzabeth Brigham,

Edmund Brigham and his Wife Elezebeth were addmitted into full Communion with this Church.

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June 1. Church Tarry after Sacramental Lecture, appoint a Church Meeting to be in Six Weeks, viz., 13<sup>th</sup> of July next 3 o'Clock P.M. to take Cognizance of Brother Daniel Adams' Acknowledgment or Commpliance with their Requition in the Report of a late Committee on his and his Wife's Difficulties or hear his Reasons (if he has any) why he does, or will not Comply — and Desired the Clerk to inform Said Adams of said Meeting and the Design of it

4<sup>th</sup>. Lord Supper administred and Levinia of James & Mary Bowman was baptized by Reverend Caleb Alexander of Mendon.

July 13, 1786. Church Met according to appointment. Meeting was Opened. Brother Adams present, says he cannot comply with the Report of the last Committee Relative to him & his Wife, and that he would do nothing Respecting the Report made September 6, 1784.

Then Voted that the Meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in September next, 4 o'Clock P.M.

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for the puropose of Admonishing Brother Adams agreeable to the Rules of Church Discipline in Dealings with offenders if nothing take place between this and that Time to prevent it.

July 23. Lord Supper Administred, and Dexter of Edmund and Elizbeth Brigham; Asa of James and Mary Godfrey; Moses of Daniel and Rebeckah Stockwell, twins Beriah and Hannah of Beriah and Hannah Ware; and Joseph of Joseph and Eleanor Robbins were Baptized By Reverend Mr. Fitch of Hopkinton.

Said Joseph Robbins and his Wife Eleanor, also Katherin Broaders, were admitted into full Communion with this Church

August 27, 1786. Being the Sabbath the Church Tarry after the Blessing at the Request of a Number of Brethren, and appoint a Church Meeting to be next Wednesday Senight, 4 o'Clock P.M. which carry it to the 6<sup>th</sup> of September next

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For the purpose of seeing if it be the mend of this Church to give Mr. Adoniram Judson a Call to settle with them in the work of the Ministry.

Also Voted to send to Reverend Mr. Sumner to Attend, who is the Standing Moderator of this Church.

September 3. The Church met According to Adjournment for the purpose of dealing with Brother Daniel Adams for his Offences by way of Admonition. He not being present and nobody duly Authorized to Admonish, Voted to Adjourn the Meeting to Wednesday next, 5 o'Clock P.M.

September 6. The Church Met According to Appointment for the purposes of Shewing their Minds Respecting the giving Mr. Adoniram Judson a Call to Settle With them in the Work of the Ministry.

Meeting was Opened by Prayer by the Reverend Mr. Sumner.

Vote was put whether it is the Minds of the Church to proceed to the Choice of a Pasture and it passed in the Affirmative. 20 for, 14 against. Declared

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Then Two of the Member, viz., Deacon Bond and Brother Daniel Hardy, withdrew because it was Objected against their Voting for the Reason as it was said of their not being Town Inhabitants.

Now 32 Members present and the Moderator calls for the Votes for a Pastor, and after many things being said, Votes were brought in, and 18 for Mr. Adoniram Judson and Accordingly it was declared by the Moderator that the Church had made Choice of Mr. Adoniram Judson for their Pastor.

Then 3d Voted there be a Committee of three, viz., Brother Samuel Forbush
Brother Jonathan Grout and
Brother Ebenezer Chamberlain, Jr.

To wait on the Select Men with a Copy of the foregoing Votes Relative to Mr. Adoniram Judson, and Request that they call a Town Meeting to see if the Town will concur with the Church in gving Mr. Adoniram Judson a Call to Settle with them in the Work of the Ministry.

Then the Church Attend to Concerns of an adjournment made September 3 Relative to Brother Daniel Adams.

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Then Voted there be a Comittee consisting of 3 to prepare an admonition for Brother Daniel Adams who is considred an Offender, viz., Brother Elijah Brigham

Deacon James Hawes

Brother Daniel Chamberlain.

Then Voted the Clerk be Directed to furnish Brother Adams with the proceedings of this Meeting Relative to him.

Then Voted agreeable to Request that Brother Adam Rice and his Wife (now living in Dresden, Newhampshire) be furnished with a Certificate of their Relation to this Church in order to their enjoying preveledges there.

Then voted to Adjourn the Meeting to the Last Tuesday in this instant, September, 2 o'Clock P.M., to hear the Report of the said Committee and Attend to the Dealing with Brother Daniel Adams.

September 10. Lords Supper Administred, and Eli of Jonathan and [*blank*] Batherick;<sup>71</sup> Hannah of Joseph and Lucy Hardy; twins Daniel and Nahum of Benjamin and Lucretia Warren; Elizabeth of Joseph and Eleanor Robbins; Jacob, Katherine, and Barnabas of Jacob and Katherine Broaders were Baptised by Reverend Mr. Joseph Sumner of Shrewsbury.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup>Eli, s. Jonathan and Abigail Batherick, b. July 4, 1786; WVR, 14.

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September 26, 1786. Church Met Acording to adjournment to wait on the Report a Committee Chosen to prepare an Admonition for Brother Daniel Adams, the Meeting being opened and but few present.

Voted this Meeting Still Stand adjourned to the next preparetory Lecture preceding the next Communion for the Affresaid purpose which carrys it to the 1<sup>st</sup> of November next at which Time the Church Tarry after Lecture and adjourn to the 22 Instant, 2 o'Clock P.M., and Vote the Clerk write Brother Adams and Request him to Attend and that the Church will hear him if he has any theng to offer.

November 4. Lord Supper Adminestred, and Joseph of John and Mehetable Fay; Thomas Eliot of Thomas and Hannah Andrews; and Lucy of Fortunatus and Elezebeth Miller were Baptized by Reverend Elisha Fish.

November 22. The Church Met according to adjournment. Brother Adams present, wanted and requested the Church should agree to Refer matters between him and the Church to a Committee. The Church supposed they had none to Refer; but that the Matter was between him and his Wife; but the meeting being very thin the buseness of Admonition was postponed and the Meeting adjourned by Vote of the Church to Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December next for that purpose — and Brother Adams Requested to attend by the members present.

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December 18. Church mett according to adjournment. Opend the Meeting. The buseness is to Admonish Brother D. Adams. But the meeting being very thin and Brother Adams not present, Voted to adjourn the Meeting to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January next at one of Clock P.M. for said purpose, and the Clerk Notify and request Brother Adams to Attend.

Also on Request Voted the Desmession of Mindwell Entweshill from this Church, and Recommendation to the Church of Christ in Northfield.

January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1787. Church met According to Adjournment. Meeting was Opened. The Business to Deal with Brother Daniel Adams as an Offender by way of Admonition. The Admonition being prepared was Read and Accepted by the Church. Brother Adams not present. Voted there be a Committee to present a Copy and that Deacon Benjamin Wood and Deacon James Hawes be a Committee for that purpose. Copy of said Admonition is on file.

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- Sally of Elijah and Sally Brigham (born January 20) was Baptized February 11<sup>th</sup> 1787 by Reverend Caleb Alexander of Mendon.
- February 27. The Church voted on Request to Dismiss and Recommend Ruhamah Frost, wife of Thomas Frost, to the Fellowship and Communion of the Church of Christ in Wrentham, which accordingly was Done.
- March 25, 1787. Lord Supper Administred, and Sophia of Ebenezer and Esther Chamberlain, also Aaron of Eli and Mehetable Lealand was Baptized By Reverend Caleb Alexander of Mendon.
- June 24. Lord's Supper Administred, and Betsy of Joseph and Ruth Harrington; Lewis of Isaac and Margeret Parker; Lydia of Benjamin and Lucy Ball; and Samuel of Daniel and Lydia Chamberlain were Baptized per Reverend Mr. Henry Cuming (of Belerica).

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Lord's Supper Administred, and Sophia of Barnabas and Eunice Newton; Elias of Jonathan and Sarah Forbes; Patty of Gershom Jr. and Esther Brigham; Seth of Joseph and Esther Belknap were all Baptized per Reverend Asa Packard of Marlborough.

October 7<sup>th</sup> 1787.

Robert Breck of Breck and Susanna Parkman and Daniel of Simon and Susanna Forbes were Baptized Per Reverend Mr. Elisha Fish of Upton.

November 11, 1787. Lord Supper Administred. Dr. Josiah Brigham, Anna Warren, Wife of John Warren, and Prudence Hudson were addmitted to full Communeon with this Church, and Louisa, Hannah, and John of John and Anna Warren were Baptized by the Reverned Peter Whitney of Northborough.

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March 30, 1788. Lords Supper Administred, and <u>David</u> of Abijah and Susanna Gale; <u>James</u> of Benjamin and Bulah Fay; Sally of Stephen and Sarah Maynard; Nahum of Caleb and Sarah Harrington; Hepzibeth of Antipas and Hepzibeth Brigham; and Josiah Brigham of Benjamin and Abigail Bowman were all Baptized Per the Reverend Mr. Joseph Sumner of Shrewsbury.

July 13, 1788. Lords Supper Administrd and Joel of John and Anna Warren was Baptized per the Reverend Mr. Sumner of Shrewsbury.

October 12. Lords Supper Administred by Reverend Mr. Puffer of Berlin, and Joseph of Moses and Lydia Wheelock; twins Jonathan and Susanna of Jonathan and Susanna Bathrick were Baptized.

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September 28. Being the Sabbath the Church tarry after public Service and Appoint a Church Meeting at the Meeting House on Monday 29 instant at one o'Clock P.M. for the purpose of giving a Candidate a Call to the Work of the Gospel Ministry.

Then Voted that the Reverend Mr. Sumner be Applied too to Moderate the Meeting.

- Monday 29. Met According to Appointment. Meeting Opened by Prayer by Reverend Mr. Sumner. Then the Church Voted to proceed to a Choice of a Pastor and made Choice by written Votes of Mr. John Robbinson by a Unanemous Vote, 35 Members present, and was declared a Vote.
  - 2. Voted to Make Choice of a Committee Consisting of three to Wait on the Select Men and request that they call a Town Meeting as soon as may be to see if the Town will Concur with the Church in giving Mr. John Robbinson a Call to Settle in the Work of the Gospel Ministry in this place, and that Brother Elijah Brigham

Abijah Gale James Hawes be a Committee.

Then the meeting was dissolved. E. Brigham Clerk

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November 30. Being the Sabbath Mr. John Robbinsons Affermative Answer to An Invitation to Settle in the Gospel Minestry in this place was Read by the Clerk of the Church. And Hannah of Benjamin and Lucretia Warren was Baptized by the Reverend Elisha Fish.

December 7. Being the Sabbath the Church Tarry after the Blessing and Appoint a Church Meeting to be on the 11<sup>th</sup> Currunt at 2 o'Clok P.M. to Converse with Mr. John Robbinson the Pastor Elect respecting the Church Covenant and his Satisfaction therein and Also Respecting Church Discipline, and Voted to Chuse a Committee Consisting of three to wait on Mr. Robbinson and Request his Attendance and that Brother Joseph Harrington Elijah Brigham Eli Whitney be a

Committee for that purpose.

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December 11. The Church Met According to Appointment. Mr. Robinson present. After Attending to the Business of the Appointment, Voted to Adjourn the Meeting to the 17 Currunt for the purpose of Chosing an Ordaining Council to Consecrate the Aforesaid Pastor Elect to the Work of the Gospel Minestry in this place.

Wednesday the 17 of December. The Church Met According to Adjournment. Reverend Mr. Joseph Sumner, Moderator, present. Meeting was opened by Prayer. Mr. Robbinson at the Meeting. After some Conversation with the Pastor Elect Relative to the Admenestring the Ordenance of Baptism to the Children of those Parents who are in Covenant and not in Full Communion (Mr. Robbinson Declined Admenesing to Such).

Then Voted to proceed to Make Choice of an Ordaining Council.

2d Voted the Numbers of Churches sent to should Consist of Ten.

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Then Voted the Addition of four Churches be added, making fourteen Churches in the whole. And

			Pastors
$1^{st}$	That the Church of Christ in Shrewsbury		Sumner
2d	The Church of Christ in Southington, Connecticut		Robbinson
3	The Church Christ in Upton		Fish
4	The Ditto	Ditto in Milford	Frost
5	The Ditto	Ditto in Northborough	Whitney
6	The Ditto	Ditto in Marlborough	Packard
7	The Ditto	Ditto in Grafton	Vacant
8	The Ditto	Ditto in Southborough	Ditto
9	The Ditto	Ditto in Hopkinton	Ditto
10	The Ditto	Ditto in Franklin	Emons
11	The Ditto	Ditto in Yale College	Wales
12	The Ditto	Ditto in Medway	Sanford
13	The Ditto	Ditto in Berlin	Puffer
14	The Ditto	Ditto in Mendon	Alesander
	The Ditto	Ditto in Lebanon is Annexed by the X	

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Be the Churches sent to for An Ordaining Council. The Voted there be a Comittee Consisting of 5 to write and send Letters Missive and that Deacon Wood

Elijah Brigham Deacon Hawes Abijah Gale Joseph Harrington be

a Comittee for that purpose.

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Then Voted that the Same Comittee of 5 be a Committee of the Church to wait on the Council in behalf of the Church the day of the Ordenation, which was fixed, on the fourteenth Day of January next, by the Church and Town at a Legal Meeting for that purpose.

Then Voted and fixed on 9 o'Clock in the Morning for the Council to be together on said Day at the House of Capt. Seth Morse's.

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting to 10 o'Clock on said day at the House where the ordaining Council Set and was Accordingly Adjourned.

Attest — Elijah Brigham, Clerk.

January 4, 1789. Being the Sabbath Church Tarry after Service and Voted to send to the 1<sup>st</sup> Church of Christ in Lebanon to be of the ordaening Council, being an Addition of one to the foregoing No. 14 Churches and being the Church in Mr. Robbinsons Native place.

Then Voted and Appointed a Church Meeting to be on Monday Sinight, 4 o'Clock P.M., to converse with Mr. Robbinson Respecting Church Descepline.

EB Clerk

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January 12. Church met according to Appointment to converse with Mr. Robinson on the Subject of Church Disepline. No perticular mode being agreed on between the Pastor Elect and Church, Meeting was dissolved.

14<sup>th</sup>. The Ordaining Council Met for the purpose of Seperating Mr. John Robinson to the work of Gospel Ministry. After some debate, proceeded to the Ordenation of Mr. John Robinson to the Pastoral Charge of this Church and Congregation.

Reverend Mr. Alexander of Mendon made 1st Prayer.

Reverend Mr. Emmens preached the Sermon.

- " Mr. Sanford Made the Ordaening Prayer.
- " Mr. Fish Gave the Charge.
- " Mr. Sumner gave the Right hand.
- " Mr. Puffer Made the last Prayer.

And Mr. John Robinson was Ordained.

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January 14, 1789. Church Mett According to Adjournment at the house Appointed for the Convension of the Ordaining Council, at which time and place Mr. John Robinson exhibited to the Church his Relation to and Dismision from the Church of Christ at Newhaven, and Offering himself, was by a Unanimous Vote Recived into Communion and Fellowship with the Church of Christ in this place — and the Meeting was dissolved.

This last preeding [sic] Record should have been made before any mention was made of Ordinetion, but was Inadvertantly Omitted.

Attest Elijah Brigham Clerk

268 [sic]	Baptisms <sup>72</sup>
1736	
June 6	Adam of Gershom and Hannah Fay
13	Sarah of Samuel and Tabitha Hardy
By the	Abner of Jonas and Elizabeth Warrin
Reverend	Comfort of Jonathan and Judith Bellows
Mr. Barrett of	
Hopkinton	
July 7	Joseph of Edward and Persis Baker
By the	Sarah and Thankfull of Pelatiah and Sarah Rice
Reverend	Nathaniel Longley of Ebenezer and [blank] Chamberlain <sup>73</sup>
Mr. Stone of	
Southborough	
July 11	Dinah and Silas of Eliezer and Persis Rice
	Rachel of Hezekiah and Rachel Pratt
August 15	Nathan of Jonathan and Abigail Livermore
	Timothy of Jesse and Bethiah Brigham
	Mary and Martha of Thomas and Lydia Warrin
0 4 1 5	John of Stephen and Ruth Fay
September 5	Hannah and Josiah of Josiah and Mercy Russel
October 24	Francis of Benjamin and Elizabeth Winchester
October 24	Isaac of John and Margaret McAllister John of Jacob and Hannah Rice
December 12	Priscilla of William and Rebecca Nurse
1737	Triscina of wimain and redeced ruise
February 13	Rebecca of Daniel and Mary Warrin
27	Joseph of John and Rebecca Hicks
March 6	Mehitable of Hames and Lydia Fay
20	Stephen of Beriah and Mary Rice
27	Sarah of Eleazar and Ruhamah Pratt
April 3	Jemima of William and Mary Holloway
By the	Jemima of Silas and Mindwell Brigham
Reverend	
Mr. Prentice of	
Grafton	

being dangerously sick

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Hannah of Josiah and Ruhamah Newton Mary of Thomas and Mary Bellows

Ebenezer of John and Bathsheba Pratt at their own House, the child

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup>Followed by "From page 235"in a later hand.
<sup>73</sup>Nathaniel Longly, s. Ebenezer and Mary Chamberland, b. July 1, 1736; *WVR*, 32.

	Baptisms 2	269
May 8	Susanna of Samuel and Deliverance Fay Mary of Jonathan and Lydia Godenon <sup>74</sup> Thomas of Cornelius and Eunice Cook Jonas of Stephen and Ruth Fay	
May 15	Amasa of James and Mary Maynard	
22	Katharine of Elazer and [blank] How <sup>75</sup>	
June 5	John of Thomas Jr. and Hannah Forbush	
26	Abigail of Joshua and Mary Townsend	
July 3	Timothy of Joseph and Katharine Joslin	
	Hannah of Thomas and Sary Billing	
17	Mary Latiny, a child committed by the Select Men to the care of Simo	n
	Tainter and wife	
	Stephen Southward, a child committed by its Parents to the care of No	oah
	and Hannah Rice	
August 21	Jonathan of Josiah and Mary Walker	
28	Abner of Abigail and Frances Whipple	
September 11	Levi of Nathaniel and Mary Whitney	
18	Ebenezer committed to the care of Ebenezer Lock, a member of the	
	Church in Hopkinton	
25	Abigail of Benjamin and Jane Lawrence	
October 16	Zerviah of Joseph and [blank] Thurston <sup>76</sup>	
November 6	Jemima of David Jr. and [blank] Mayarnd <sup>77</sup>	
	Abner of Abner and Vashti Newton	
13	Richard, Hannah, and Elizabeth of Richard and [blank] Tozer <sup>78</sup> Seth of Seth and Dorothy Rice	

[Three illegible penciled lines.]

<sup>78</sup>Richard and Elizabeth Tozer were the parents; *WVR*, 98.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup>Mary, dau. Jonathan and Lydia Goodnow, b. Nov. 25, 1732; *WVR*, 54.

<sup>75</sup>Katharine, dau. of Eleazar How of Marlborough; <a href="https://www.colonialsociety.org/node/3874">https://www.colonialsociety.org/node/3874</a>.

<sup>76</sup>The mother was probably Doratha or Dority; see *WVR*, 97.

<sup>77</sup>Gemima, dau. David Jr. and Ann Maynard, b. Nov. 3, 1737; *WVR*, 71.

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Begun January 14<sup>th</sup>, 1789.

1789 January 14. At an Ecclesiastical conven'd in Westborough January 14, 1789, by virtue of Letters missive from the Church of Christ in Westborough, for the purpose of ordaining Mr. John Robinson; consisting of the following Churches by their Pastors and Delegates or as reprisented by their Delegates.

The Church in Upton	Reverend Elisha Fish	Deacon James Bradish
The 2 Church in Medway	Reverend D. Sanford	Mr. Ephraim Whitney Deacon Nathanael Patridge Capt. Eliakim Adams
The Church in Shrewsbury	Reverend J. Sumner	Deacon Jonas Stone Col. Job Cushing
The Church in Northborough	Revered Peter Whitney	Deacon Paul Newton Deacon Seth Rice
The Church in Franklin The Church in Mendon	Reverend N. Emmons Reverend C. Alexander	Capt. Ebinezer Dean Deacon Josiah Adams
The Church in Mendon	Reverend C. Alexander	Deacon Seth Chapin
The Church in Berlin	Reuben Puffer	Deacon Josiah Sawyer
The Church in Marlborough	Reverend A. Packard	Deacon James Godard Deacon Samuel Stone
The Church in Yale College		Mr. Joseph Howe Mr. Ebenezer Fitch
The Church in Milford		Deacon Seth Nelson Deacon Ebenezer Read
The Church in Southborough		Deacon Gideon Newton Mr. Nathan Bridges
The Church in Grafton		Mr. Asahel Matthews Deacon Jonas Merriam Deacon Joseph Batchelor
The Church in Hopkinton		Mr. Silas Warren Doctor Jeremiah Stinison Deacon Stephen Kinsman

At the desere of the Churches Committee form into a Council nominated and chose the Reverend Elisha Fish Moderator and the Reverend Joseph Sumner Scribe.

The Council being opend with Prayer by the Moderator proceeded to examine the proceedings of the Church and Town relative to the call given to Mr. John Robinson to settle with them; and also Mr. Robinson's acceptance of their invitation; finding their proceedings to be regular: The Council proceeded to the examination of the Candidate; when he expressed his belief in the Assembly's Catichism; and gave satisfactory answers to a large number of interrogations, which discoverd his belief of the Doctrines of the Gospel, and his knowledge in Divinity; likewise his experience of the powr of divine truth upon his own heart, and his views in undertaking the work of the Ministry,

The Council then Voted that the way was clear to proceed to the ordination of Mr. John Robinson to the Pastoral Office in Westborough.

Voted to adjourn to the meeting House where they solemnly separated Mr. John Robinson to the Pastoral Office in Westborough.

Elisha Fish, Moderator

A true extract from the record of the doings of the Council — Attest Joseph Sumner Scribe

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March 29. The sacrament of the Lords Supper was administerd being the first since my ordination.

The Church tarried after divine service and Voted.

- 1. To alter the time of celebrating the sacrament of the Lords Supper for the future.
- 2. Voted that the time of our next Sacrament be the second Lords Day in June next, and then that in future for this and every succeeding year the usual time of celebrating the sacrament of the Lords Super be the second Lords Day in every other Month through the year beginning the year with February. Allowing however, that the Pastor may when he judges it necessary and convenient vary a Lords Day a two from the usual time.

#### Attest John Robinson Pastor

August 9. Began to sing Doctor Watts's Psalms and Hymns in Public Worship in lieu of Brady and Tates version which had been previously used.

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- May 30. The Church tarried after the blessing was pronounced, and at the disire of Deacon Wood, and considering his age and infirmities, Voted
  - 1. To choose another Deacon
  - 2. That the Wednesday after next be assignd as the day to come to a choice.

June 9 The Church tarried after Lecture and agreeably to assignment, Voted

- 1. To proceed at this time to the choice of a Deacon.
- 2. Voted that Brother Jonathan Forbes be the Deacon in the room of Deacon Wood.

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- 3. Voted to adjourn the meeting to the next Lecture preparatory to our next communion.
- August 8 Lords Day after the exercises the Church tarried and heard Brother Jonathan Forbes's answer in the negative to the Churches invitation to him to accept the Office of Deacon in this Church.
- August 11 The Church tarried after Lecture and having riceivd Brother Jonathan Forbes's answer in the negative to the Churches invitation to him to accept the Office of Deacon in this Church after the exercises on the last Lords Day: now Voted the meeting being opend by prayer by the Pastor to proceed to the choice of a Deacon.

And Brother Edmund Brigham was chosen.

But upon his motion the Church allowed him time to take the matter into serious consideration and then Voted that the meeting be dissolved.

- November 4 The Church tarried after divine service and were informed by the Pastor verbally upon the desire of Brother Edmund Brigham that he had concluded to accept the office of a Deacon in this Church. And he was accordingly diclard to be a Deacon in this Church.
  - The Church tarried after divine service and a Letter was read from the Church in

    May 22 Southborough requesting assistance in the seperation of Mr. Samuel Sumner their Pastor elect to the work of the Ministry in that place.
    - 1. Voted compliance.
    - 2. Voted to send four Delegates.
    - 3. Voted that Deacon Wood, Brother Abijah

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Gale, Brother Seth Morse, and Brother Jonathan Grout Jr. be the Delegates.

#### August 10. The Church tarried after Lecture and Voted

- 1. To give up a Note which the Church hold against Benjamin Tainter, which Note he gave on account of a Lecacy [sic] left by his Father Deacon Tainter to the Church.
- 2. Voted that the select Men be desird to request Messrs. Stephen Belknap, Samuel Fisher, Barnum Blake, Asaph Warren and John Warren to take the lead in the singing till further provision is made.
- 3. Voted that the select Men be requested to insert an Article in the warrant for their next Town meeting to see if the Town will give any encouragement to singing by hiring a Master.
- 4. Voted to adjourn the meeting to our next Lecture to consider the expediency of giving up the practice of making relations in this Church and substituting something in lieu thereof.
- October 4. The Church tarried after the blessing to hear a Letter from the Church in Hopkenton requesting assistance in the ordination of Mr. Nathanail Howe their Pastor elect.
  - 1. Voted compliance.
  - 2. Voted to send two Delegates.
  - 3. Voted that Deacon Hawes and Brother Breck Parkman be the Delegates.
  - 6. The Church tarried after the Lecture agreeably to assignment but considering that there was not a Majority of the Church present they chose not to act any thing about altering the method of admitting Church members by their making Relations. And Voted
    - 1. To adjourn the meeting to the next Lecture.
    - 2. Voted that the time of our intermission on communion days in future be always two hours and that the Pastor be requested to

notify the Congregation at large of it which was accordingly done the next Lords Day.

- 9. The Church tarried after the blessing and as it is a custom in the County of Hampshire where Mr. Jonathan Grout Jr. AB is studying Divinity to bring a certificate from the Church where they belong that they are in good standing therefore Voted that he shall have a certificate to that purpose to present to the Association when he shall offer himself for examination which was done accordingly.
- December 7. The Church tarried after Lecture and Voted to dissolve the Church meeting which stood adjourned to this time.

### 1792 December 9.

The Church tarried after the blessing when a Letter was read from the Church in Wrentham requesting advice and assistantance respecting some difficulties subsisting between the Pastor and a number of aggrieved Brethren on account of some of the Pastors sentements and expressions.

- 1. Voted compliance.
- 2. Voted that Brother Elijah Brigham be the Delegate.
- The Church tarried after the blessing and heard a Letter from the Church in Marlborough in the State of New Hampshire requesting assistance in the ordination of Mr. Holloway Fish of Upton their Pastor elect.
  - 1. Voted compliance.
  - 2. Voted that Brother Joseph Harrington be the Delegate.
- October 13. The Church tarried after the blessing and heard a Letter from the Church in Hawley in the County of Hampshire requesting assistance in the ordination of Mr. Jonathan Grout Jr. of Westborough their Pastor elect.

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- 1. Voted compliance.
- 2. Voted that Brother Jonathan Grout, Father of the Candidate, be the Delegate.

The Church tarried after the blessing and Voted to request Messrs. Samuel Fisher, June 10 Stephen Belknap, and Barnum Blake be requested to lead in the singing in divine worship.

August 19 The Church tarried after the blessing and Voted that Deacon Hawes carry to Brother Daniel Adams his admonition and suspension with which he never had been served, though it had been made out against a number of years since.

December 13

The Church tarried after the blessing and heard the confession of Mrs. Sarah Pike for the sin of Fornication and restord her to charity the same day.

1796 The Church tarried after the blessing and Voted April 7

- 1. To choose a Committee to carry the admonition to Brother Daniel Adams which the Church had made out against him, as it had not been previously done though it ought to have been done several years since.
- 2. Voted that the Committee consist of two Brethren.
- 3. Voted that Brother Eli Whitney and Brother James Bowman be the two.

N.B. the above Committee attended to the business on the day they were appointed and deliverd in my presence to Brother Daniel Adams a copy of the admonition which the Church had made out against him.

- May 15 The Church tarried after the blessing and heard a Letter from the Church in Upton requesting assistance in the ordination of Mr. Benjamin Wood their Pastor elect.
  - 1. Voted compliance.
  - 2. Voted that Deacon Brigham and Brother Breck Parkman be the Delegates.

- August 7 The Church tarried after the blessing and heard two papers read from Brother Daniel Adams, the purport of which was this, viz., The first a remonstrance against Joseph Harrington his accusers (as he calls them) praying that he may be restord to communion or that they may be debarred. In the other paper he prays to be restord to Church fellowship, upon which the Church Voted not to take any further notice of the papers and so the meeting was dissolved.
- October 2 The Church tarried after the blessing and heard a Letter from the Church in Grafton requesting assistance in the ordination of Mr. John Miles Jr. of Westminster, their pastor elect.
  - 1. Voted compliance
  - 2. Voed that Brother Joseph Harrington and Brother Eli Whitney be the Delegates.
- The Church tarried after the blessing and heard a paper read from Brother Daniel Adams May 14 requesting to be restord to Church fellowship and communion and to have all the papers relative to the difficulties subsisting between himself and the Church attended to. Upon which the Church Voted not to act any thing on the subject contained in the Paper.
- The Church tarried after the blessing and heard a letter from the Church in Southborough requesting assistance in the ordination of Mr. Jeroboam Parker of Southborough their Pastor elect.
  - 1. Voted compliance.
  - 2. Voted that Deacon Brigham and Brother Abijah Gale be the Delegates.
- The Church tarried aftr the blessing and heard two Letters read from our sister Hannah

  June 1 Belknap and thereupon Voted to postpone the subject matter of them to our next Lecture.

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- June 4 The Church tarried after the blessing according to adjournment and Voted
  - 1. To choose a Committee of three to go and converse with our Sisters Hannah Cobb, Hannah Ware and Hannah Belknap and enquire into the reasons of their absenting themselves from our communion.
  - 2. Voted that Deacon Hawes, Deacon Brigham, and Brother Joseph Harrington be the Committee.
  - 3. Voted to adjourn the meeting to our next Lecture.
- August 6 The Church tarried after the blessing agreeably to adjournment, and heard a verbal report from the Committee appointed at our last lecture to go and converse with our offinding Sisters who had absented themselves from our communion.
- The Church tarried after the blessing and heard a letter from the Church in Milford requesting assistance in the ordination of Mr. David Long of Hopkinton in the State of New-Hampshire their Pastor elect.
  - 1. Voted compliance.
  - 2. Voted that Brother Elijah Brigham be the Delegate.

### 1802 November 25

The Church tarried after the blessing and heard a Letter read from Brother Daniel Adams in which he wishes to know if the Church have any, and if any what their objection is against recommending him to some other Church that the matter may be settled either between him and the Church or by a mutual Council.

After some conversation the Church Voted to adjourn the matter to our next Lecture in order to consider the subject more thoroughly.

December 8. The Church tarried after the blessing according to adjournment. And as doubts were entertained by a number of the Brethren whether Brother Daniel Adams had ever been served with a copy of the

admonition which the Church made for him January 1, 1787, therefore Voted to adjourn the meeting still further to Lords Day after next, and that the Pastor be requested to examine the Church records to see if any evidence can be obtaind that Brother Daniel Adams was ever furnishd with a copy of the aforesaid admonition.

December 19

The Church tarried after the blessing agreeable to adjournment and the Pastor in conformity with their request compleatly satisfied the Brethren from the <u>Church records</u> that Brother Daniel Adams had been, April 7, 1796, regularly sirved with a copy of the admonition which the Church had made out for him January 1, 1787: Wherefore Voted

- 1. To send Brother Daniel Adams another copy of the admonition which the Church made out for him January 1, 1787 (supposing that in his unsettled moving circumstances he had mislaid and finally lost it, and therefore had forgot the content of it): and also a copy of the form of confession which the Church made out some years since: and the inform him that if he will come forward and sign the confession in the course of one year from the date of the Letter, that then the Church will restore him to his former standing. But if not, then the Church will consider him as being excommunicated, and cast out of, and cut off from our communion and fellowship.
- 2. Voted that the Pastor be requested to make out the copies, and prepare a Letter according to the import of the preceding Vote.

1803 February 9 The Church tarried after the blessing and attended to a Letter, an Admonition, and the form of a confession which the Pastor by disire of the Church had previously prepard to be sent to Brother Daniel Adams. Then Voted

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- 1. That the Letter, the copy of this Church's Admonition, and the form of confession which the Pastor had previously prepard should be sent to Brother Daniel Adams
- 2. Voted to choose a Committee to carry the same.
- 3. Voted that Brother Daniel Chamberlain and Deacon James Hawes be the Committee.
- N.B. The above Committee made a written report to me in which they stated that February the Nineteenth, the Week after they were appointed, they personally saw and deliverd to Brother Daniel Adams the Letter, the copy of the Churches Admonition, and the form of confession which the Pastor by disire of the Church had previously made out for him the said Adams.
- N.B. For the report see the Filers.
- June 6, 1804. The Church tarried after the blessing and upon the request of Brother June 6 Jonathan Bathrick to be excused from leading in the singing in future at communion. Therefore Voted
  - 1. to proceed at this time to the choice of Choristers
  - 2. Voted that the number be two.
  - 3. Voted that Brother Solomon Fay be the first and that Brother Barnum Blake be the second.

A motion was made at this meeting that the practice of reading the Hymns by the Deacons at communion line by line during the singing in future should be omitted.

Whereupon the Church Voted

- 4. To adjourn the further consideration of the above motion to the next Lecture.
- August 8. The Church tarried after the blessing according to adjournment and Voted that our practice of reading the Hymns by the Deacons at the singing at our communion in future should be omitted.
- October 7. The Church tarried after divine service at Noon Lords Day and Voted that John Bellows son of Mr. Reuben and Mrs. Elizabeth Bellows on account of his being more than fifteen years old and on account of his being

some immoralities in him should not at present be admitted to Baptism on account of his Mother; or in other words that she should not present him for Baptism.

1804 November 18 Lords Day the Church tarried after divine service and heard a Letter from Deacon Brigham disiring on account of weakness and infirmity to be excused from further service as a Deacon: and requesting that another might be chosen in his room. Whereupon the Church Voted to postpone the further consideration of the business of the Letter till Thanksgiving day which is to be this year the Twenty Ninth of this Month.

29. Thanksgiving Day. The Church tarried after the blessing according to adjournment and Voted to proceed to the choice of a Deacon to officiate in the room and stead of Deacon Brigham at our next Lecture.

1805 February Lecture. The Church tarried after divine service but on account of the season of the Year, and the thinness of the Lecture Voted to postpone the choice of a Deacon still further to our next Lecture.

- April 10. Lecture. The Church tarried after the blessing according to adjournment, and Voted at this time to proceed to the choice of a Deacon in the room of Deacon Brigham.
  - 2 Voted that Brother Daniel Chamberlain be the Deacon

N.B. The number of Votes brought in were Twenty six of which Brother Daniel Chamberlain had Sixteen, Brother Benjamin Fay Junior Four, Brother Elijah Brigham Three, and Brother Joseph Harrington Three leaving Brother Chamberlain a Majority of Six. He not signifying at this time his acceptance, the Church gave him to the next Lecture to consider of it.

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June 5 Lecture. The Church tarried after the blessing and heard a Letter from Brother Daniel Chamberlain signifying his acceptance of the Office of a Deacon to which he was chosen last Lecture. And he was accordingly declard to be a Deacon in this Church.

The Church met according to appointment by the Pastor to hear a petition of a number of August 24

the Brethren (which see on file) requesting a certain Letter and papers (which see on file) might be laid before them which the Pastor had received from a Committee appointed by the Town. And if they think proper to act on such matters and subjects as the Pastor should then lay before them. After much desultory conversation the minds of the Brethren were taken to see if they would assign the present time to carry into effect the agreement made last Winter between the Town and the Pastor. It passed in the negative.

It was then Voted that a Committee of conference with the Pastor be appointed.

Voted that the number should be five.

Voted that Brother Elijah Brigham, Brother William Johnson, Deacon Hawes, Brother Solomon Fay and Brother Joseph Harrington be the Committee.

Then voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday September the Seventh at 2 o'clock P.M.

September 7 The Church met on the adjournment of the last meeting and Voted to adjourn it still further one hour.

The same day the Church had a new meeting by appointment by the Pastor to act on the following Articles, Viz.,

- 1. To hear and act on the report of a Committee of conference appointed at the last meeting.
- 2. To see if it is the mind of the Church to dismiss the Pastor from the work of the Gospel Ministry in this place.

On the First Article of the notification the Church Voted to accept the Report of the Committree of conference — Which Report see on file.

On the second Article the Church Voted to dismiss the Pastor from the work of the Gospel Ministry in this place.

Then chose a Committee of two, Viz., Deacon Chamberlain and Brother Solomon Fay to wait on the select Men and request them to call a

Town meeting to see if the Town will concur with the Church in dismissing the Pastor from the work of the Gospel Ministry in this place.

Then Voted to adjourn the meeting for one Week to 3 o'clock P.M.

Then the meeting which had been previously adjournd to this day and which was this day still further adjournd for one hour was dissolved.

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September The Church met according to adjournment and the Pastor requested a dismission and recommendation for himself and Mrs. Robinson to the Church of Christ in general, and also to any particular Church to which they might or should at any future time wish to join themselves.

> Upon which the Church Voted first to dismiss and recommend the Pastor and Mrs. Robinson.

Secondly they Voted to dismiss and recommend them according to the usual form to any Church to which they might or should at any future time wish to join themselves.

The Church then proceeded to choose an Ecclesiastical Council to ratify and confirm the dismission. In which the Pastor acquiesced particularly and expressly upon this condition that he and Mrs. Robinson should be regularly dismiss'd from and recommended by the Church to the Church of Christ in general and also to any particular Church to which they might or should at any future time wish to join themselves.

Then Voted to send to five Churches.

Voted that the Church in Shrewsbury, the Church in Northborough, the Church in Southborough, the Church in Hopkinton, the Church in Upton be the five Churches to send to.

Voted that a Committee of three be appointed to sign the Letters missive with the Pastor.

Voted that Brother Elijah Brigham, Deacon Hawes and Deacon Chamberlain be the Committee for that purpose.

Voted that the above Committee be the Committee to lay before the Council the transactions respecting the dismission of the Pastor from the work of the Gospel Minis

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try in this place.

Voted that the Council be desired to convene on Thursday, October the First at 9 o'clock A.M.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to the day that the Council convene, Viz., October the first at 9 o'clock A.M.

October 1 The Church met upon the adjournment when the Church Voted to dismiss and recommend the Pastor Reverend John Robinson and Nabby his wife according to the form following, Viz.,

Westborough October the first one Thousand and Eight hundred and Sevin.

This certifies that the Reverend John Robinson and Nabby his wife have been heretofore admitted as members in full communion with this Church, and continued in regular and good standing in the same, and have conducted themselves agreeably to their christian profession. In compliance with their own request they have by a Vote this day passed been regularly dismiss'd from their particular relation to this Church, and are hereby recommended to occasional watch and communion, and also to stated watch, communion and fellowship with the Church of Christ in general in all Gospel ordinances and institutions, and particularly to the occasional watch and communion as will as to the stated watch, communion and fellowship of any Church to which they shall or may at any future time wish to join themselves. And when they shall be received into the holy fellowship and communion, and placed under the watch of any regular Church of Christ we shall consider their particular relation to use dissolved.

Attest John Robinson Pastor in the Name and by a Vote of the Brethren

On Reverend Mr. Robinsons request, I gave him a Coppy of his, and his wifes Dismission, as on this page. BP. Clerk.

Upon which the Pastor signified his acquiescence with the Church and Town in his dismission from the work of the Gospel Ministry in this place.

At half past eleven the Church Voted to adjourn the meeting to one o'clock P.M. this day.

#### Attest John Robinson Pastor

At half past three o'clock P.M., October the first, One Thousand Eight Hundred and seven, the Council went into the meeting House when the result of the Council was read and the Moderator of the Council call'd upon the Church to know if they accepted the result of the Council which passed in the affirmative. He then asked the Pastor if he acquiesced which he signified that he did.

#### Attest John Robinson Pastor

Immediately after the Church had accepted the result of the Council, and the Pastor had signified his acquiescence, the moderator of the council declared the pastoral and ministerial connection between the Reverend John Robinson and the Church and People in Westborough to be Dissolved. A Prayer by the moderator of the council Closed the Solemnities.

After the council had retired, the Church tarried upon the Adjournment, and Deacon Hawes, being the Eldest

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Deacon, Call'd upon the Brethren of the Church, as the pastor was dismisd (and they were without a standing Moderator), to choose some one of the neighboring minister to be their Standing moderator, upon which the brethren carried in their votes, and it appeard that the Reverend Benjamin Wood was chosen.

Brother Elijah Brigham, Deacon Hawes and Deacon Chamberlin were desired to inform him of the choice the Church had made of him to be their standing moderator, which they did immediately, and when he came in, he signified his acceptance of the appointment, and calld on the Church to choose a Clerk, and when the votes were carried in and counted, it appeard that Brother Breck Parkman was chosen.

The Church then proceeded and made choice of Deacon James Hawes for their moderator in the absence of their standing Moderator. The meeting was then declared by the standing moderator to be dissolved.

Attest B. Parkman, Clerk

#### Church Records

1807 October 25, 1807. Sacrament day, the ordinance administer'd by Reverend Mr. October 25 Kellogg.

Mrs. Cobb, who is a member of this church, but has absented her self for several years, requested to partake, but the Deacons thought best, and advised her to refrain as She had been associating with and has join'd the mithodists society, or church. She retired into a pew but did not partake of the sacred elements.

The church were detaind after meeting, and appointed a church meting after the services of next Lecture to take up her affair.

### December 9 Preparatory Lecture.

Reverend Mr. How performd the services. Rev. Mr. Wood present. The Church tarried after the blessing was given, and the deacons presented the following Notification to our Reverend Moderator.

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1807 To the Reverend Benjamin Wood moderator of the Church in Westborough

Whereas the said church did on 25 October last vote to have a church meting held immediately after the exercises of their next preparatory lecture were concluded, you are requested to lay the following articles before them, for their consideration, and to act upon.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To hear the request of our Sister Cobb, and to take any Steps concerning her which duty requires.
- 2d To see if the Church think it expedient to take any measure to know whither Mr. Robinsons recomendation from this church, which was read before the ecclesiastical council on the first day of October last, was agree able to the recomendation voted by this Church or act any thing rerlative thereto.

3d To see if it be the minds to choose a Treasurer.

James Hawes Daniel Chamberlin

Westoborough, December 9, 1807

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December In Church meting pursuant to the notification recorded on the last page of this book.

Article 1. The moderator call'd upon Sister Cobb, to know whither She had any thing to lay before the Church. She came forward and acknowledg'd she had done wrong in absenting herself from communion without leave of the Church but now desired to come and commune with us and at the Same time retain her relation to and communion with the methodists. After considerable debate, the question was put to see if the church would admitt Mrs. Cobb to communion under those circumstances, which pass'd in the negative, but adjourned a further consideration of her case to the next meting.

Article 2. Chose a committee of three, viz., Deacon Hawes

Deacon Chamberlin

Joseph Harrington to look into

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the merits of the case as expressd in the 2d article of the notification, and make report to the Church.

- Article 3. Chose Breck Parkman, Treasurer, and voted to adjourn this meting to our next Preparatory lecture.
  - 1807 December 12. Lords day. The Sacrament was administred by the Reverend Mr. Wood of Upon.

Edward, Son of Benjamin and Ann Harrington, was baptizd.

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- February 10 Sacramental Lecture, and agreable to the adjournment, the Church tarried but on account of uncomfortable weather, they only heard the report of the committee who had waited on Reverend Mr. Robinson, and put over the further consideration of it to the next preparatory Lecture. Adjourned to April 7.
  - April 7 Annual Fast, which superceeds the usual Lecture, but the Church agreable to adjournment, and after several observations from a number of Brethren, voted to disolve the meting without any further consideration on the affair of Mr. Robinson or Mrs. Cobb. Disolved.

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- May 1 The Church tarried after the blessing was Given, and at the request of Sister Tabitha Hardy,
  - 1. voted to dismiss her from her particular relation to this church and recommend her to the Church in Northbridge of which the Reverend Mr. John Crane is Minister.
  - 2d. voted unanimously to take the affair of Mr. Rockwood into consideration, and appointed Monday 9<sup>th</sup> instant 3 o'Clock P.M. for Church meeting to give Mr. Rockwood an invite to settle with us in the ministry.
  - 3. voted to Request Reverend Mr. Wood our moderator to attend.
- May 9 The Church conveened agreable to the above appointment. The meeting was opend by prayer by the Reverend Mr. Wood, and then
  - 1. Voted to give Mr. Elisha Rockwood a Call to Settle with us in the work of the ministry. 24 Brethren being present, 22 written votes were brought in, the other two who did not vote, said they had no objection, viz., Brothers William Johnson and Luther Maynard.
  - 2. Chose a Committee of two, viz., Brethren Daniel Chamberlin and Joseph Harrington, to wait on the Select men, and request them to Call a

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Town meeting to see if the Town would concur with the Church in giving Mr. Rockwood a Call.

- 3. Voted to direct the Clerk to notify Mr. Rockwood of what the Church had done with Respect to giving him a Call.
- 4. On the request of our Sister Mary Reading to disolve her relation to this Church and recommend her to the Church of Christ in Grafton, her request was granted.

Signd Benjamin Wood, Moderator Breck Parkman, Clerk

October 23 On the request of our Brother Gershom Brigham and Sarah his wife to disolve their relation to this Church and be recommended to the Church of Christ in Winchester, their request was granted.

N.B. Said G. Brigham and his wife came from Marlborough About 22 years Since and residid in this Town, and were admitted into our communion during our being destitute of a Settled minister after Reverend Mr. Parkmans decease.

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#### Marriages

1. February 9<sup>th</sup> 1724/5.

1725.

Isaac Tomlin Junior was joined in Marriage to Mary Johnson.

2. June 9<sup>th</sup> 1726.

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Joseph rice was Married to Thankfull Rice.

3. November 24, 1726.

Edward Savage of Rutland was married to Mary Hambleton of the Same town, there being no Ordained Pastor in That Place.

4. February 2, 1726/7.

1727.

Samuel Hardy was married to Tabitha Forbush

5. May 23, 1727.

Daniel Warrin was joined in Marriage to Mary Witherby.

6. August 22, 1727.

Cornelius Cook married to Eunice Forbush.

7. October 20, 1727.

Gershom Fay was married to Hannah Oake.

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1728 8. December 7, 1727.

Daniel Hardy was married to Vashti Rice.

9. December 22, 1727.

Seth Rice and Dorothy Robinson were joined in marriage.

1729 10. February 27, 1727/8.

Samuel Tomson of Leicester was joined in Marriage to Margarett Clark of This Town.

11. November 27, 1728.

Jedidiah How was marry'd to Abigail Warrin.

12. June 10, 1729.

Simion Willard of Hassenemisco was married to Phebe Newton of Westborough.

- 13. The Same Day James Cutler of Hassanemisco was married to Mehitabel Fay of Westborough.
- 1730 14. March 24, 1729/30.

Aaron Hardy was married to Hephzebah Bradish.

15. April 23, 1730.

Joshua Dowsing was marryed to Mercy Rogers.

16. November 18, 1730.

Zebadiah Smith to Thankful Ward.

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<ul> <li>17. December 8, 1730. Josiah Newton to Ruhamah Maynard.</li> <li>18. January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1730/1. Beriah Rice to Mary Goodenow.</li> </ul>	1731.
19. December 23, 1731. Eliezer Rice to Perses Newton.	
20. December 28, Cornelius Biglo of Marlborough to Mary Greaves of this Town.	ſ
21. March 8, 1731/2. Phinehas Hardy to Prudence Warrin.	1732.
22. March 14 Nathaniel Child to Joanna Greaves.	
23. March 16 James Bowman to Thankfull Forbush	
24. March 29 Abner Newton to Vashti Eager.	
25. June 7. John Bowker to Freedom Biglo of Marlborough.	
26. February 6, 1732/3. David Maynard junior to Jemima Brigham.	1733
27. March 29, 1733. Josiah Bowker to Hasadiah Eager.	
28. April 26 Jesse Smith (of Lexington) to Experience Ward.	
29. March 7, 1733/4. Samuel Liscomb of Southborough to Hannah Fay of Westborough.	1734
30. The Same Eve Stephen Fay to Ruth Child.	1734.
31. November 1, 1734. Daniel Forbush to Abigail Severns.	
3213, 1734. Hezekiah Pratt (of Westborough) to Rachel Knowlton (of Shrewsbury).	
33. February 20, 1734/5. Daniel Maynard of Marlborough to Mary Oake of Westborough.	1735.
34. November 11. Silas Brigham to Mindwell Grout.	
35. June 7, 1736. Nathaniel Oake to Kezia Maynard.	<u>1736.</u>
36. December 6. Eleazar Ward to Tabitha Newton.	
37. January 27. Zebulon Rice to Abigail Forbush	<u>1737.</u>
38. February 21. Silas Fay to Hannah Billing of Concord.	
39. March 14. David Maynard junior to Ann Oake.	
40. March 10. Benjamin How to Tabitha Garfield.	1738.
41. April 20. Timothy Fay to Lydia Tomlin.	
42. November 23. Jonathan Forbush junior to Joanna Tainter.	

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1739.	43	May 10. Richard Barns junior of Marlborough to Elizabeth Bruce of Westborough.
1737.		16. Edward Barns of Marlborough to Grace Rice of Westborough, Widow.
	-	November 22. Timothy Warrin to Rebecca Tainter junior.
<u>1740.</u>		June 19. Jotham Maynard to Abihail Allen.
	47.	November 11. Churles Woods to Phebe Rice.
	48.	November 20. Simon Tainter junior to Mary Bruce.
		December 4. Ezekiel Pratt to Mary Grout.
	50.	25. Joseph Green junior to Mary Wright.
		31. Thomas Joslin of Marlborough to Lucy Forbush.
		31. Nathaniel Johnson of Marlborough to Sarah Forbush
<u>1741.</u>		March 12. Solomon Rice to Anna Rice.
	-	26. Gershom Brigham to Mary Lee.
		September 3. Isaac Tomlin to Mary Patch.
17.40		November 26. Stephen Mainard to Thankfull Newton,
<u>1742.</u>		May 12. David Batherick to Lydia Maynard.
		20. Jonas Child to Sybil Shattuck and
	-	Jonathan Cutting to Sarah Ball.
		June 28. Eleazar Williams to Mercy Nurse. 30. Joshua Johnson of Bolton to Hannah Ball.
	-	November 3. John Oake to Susanna Allen.
		December 6. Silas Warrin to Elizabeth Newton.
		8. Jonathan Green to Sybil Wheeler.
<u>1743.</u>	_	January 5. Phinehas Forbush to Sarah Bellows.
	66.	20. Jonas Warrin to Lydia Harrington.
	67.	21. Charles Bruce to Martha Coburn.
	_	March 23. Ebenezer Rice (of Southborough) to Anna Rice.
	69.	November 9. Eleazer Whitney to Mary Grow.
	70.	November 24. Ebenezer Kemball (of Hopkinton) to Mary Shattuck.
	71.	December 14. Edwards Whipple to Sarah Green.
<u>1744.</u>		April 26. John Fay to Mary Rice, Widow
		May 24. Elijah Rice to Sarah Shattuck.
	74	June 13. Edward Johnson of Bolton to Mary Ball.

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75. October 5. Ephraim Bruce to Mary Maynard junior 76 23. George Oake to Lydia Eager.	<u>1744.</u>
<ul> <li>77 25. Jonathan Rogers to Joanna Lull.</li> <li>78. December 11. Moses Wheeler to Abigail Godin</li> <li>79. January 23. Asa Brigham of Shrewsbury to Mary Newton of Westboroug</li> <li>80. February 6. Asaph Wilder of Lancaster to Zipporah Wheeler of Westborough.</li> </ul>	gh. <u>1745.</u>
<ul> <li>81. March 14. George Smith to Mary Fay</li> <li>82. May 22. Reuben Maynard of Shrewsbury to Dorothy Williams of Westborough.</li> <li>83. June 6. Levi Brigham to Susanna Grout.</li> <li>84. January 16. Jonas Brigham to Persis Baker.</li> <li>85. February 10. William Bois of Blandford to Mary Hamilton of Westborough.</li> <li>8617. Paul Newton to Mary Farrar.</li> </ul>	<u>1746.</u>
<ul> <li>87 18. Thomas Patrick of Western to Sarah Johnson of Westborough.</li> <li>88. June 10. Isaac Amsden junior to Mary Green.</li> <li>89 19. Jonas Warrin junior to Hannah Forbush.</li> <li>90. January 12. James White to Joanna Fay.</li> <li>91. June 18. Hezekiah Tomlin to Martha Maynard.</li> <li>92 James Miller junior to Elizabeth Hardy.</li> <li>93. September 17. Eliezer Rice of Westborough to Mehitable Stone of Sutton</li> </ul>	<u>1747.</u> n.
<ul> <li>94. November 16. Moses Pratt of Hardwick to Lucy Whipple of Westboroug</li> <li>95. November 24. Samuel Baker to Susanna Tainter.</li> <li>96. January 20. Daniel Forbush of Westborough to Mary Parker of Shrewsbu</li> <li>97. April 14. James Bradish junior to Mary Whitney.</li> <li>98. June 23. Abijah Gale of Weston to Abigail Amsden of Westborough.</li> <li>99. October 3. Elijah Warrin to Rebekah Hicks</li> </ul>	gh

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- 1748. 100. Thomas Winchester to Mary Pratt of Grafton Thanksgiving Evening November 24.
  - 101. December 8. Noah How to Mary Walker.
- 1749. 102. February 6. Robert Cook to Sarah Crosby.
  - 103. April 19 rather the 18<sup>th</sup>. Joseph Rice to Eunice Harrington.
  - 104. May 2. Moses Brigham of Southborough to Mehitabel Grout of Westborough.
  - 105. May 4. David Forbush of Upton to Anna Whitney of Westborough.
  - 106. May 24. Jonathan Bruce to Hannah Beeman.
  - 107. July 26. James Miller to Margaret How.
  - 108. August 7. Benjamin Whipple to Hephzibah Crosby.
  - 109. November 21. Joseph Bowker to Sarah Tainter.
  - 110. December 6. Ephraim Whitney of Upton to Thankfull Harrington of Westborough.
  - 111. December 18. Oliver Whitney of Upton to Dorcas Forbush of Westborough.
- 1750. 112. November 19. Stephen Sadler of Upon to Elizabeth Tainter of Westborough.
- 1751. 113. January 1. Nathan Maynard to Lucy Pratt.
  - 114. 24. Moses Warrin to Persis Rice.
  - 115. May 15. Abraham Batchellor to Sarah Newton.
  - 116. July 3. Adonijah Rice to Hannah Crosby.
  - 117. 23. Rev. Mr. Elisha Fish to Upton to Miss Hannah Forbush of Westborough.
- 1752. 118. January 15. Ebenezer Miller of Upton to Hannah How of Westborough.
  - 119. February 27. Joseph Dudley to Mary Warrin.
  - 120. March 12. Abraham Beeman to Miriam Maynard.
  - 121. April 7. Merodach Baladan Smith to Abigail Bruce.
  - 122. 27. Joseph Far to Eunice Bradish.
  - 123. May 21. Daniel Adams of Shrewsbury to Abigail Hardy of Westborough.

N.B. Rev. Eli. Forbes and my Daughter Mary were marryed by Rev. Mr. Martyn, August 6, 1752.

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124. November 14. Francis Harrington of Worcester to Deborah Brigham of Westborough.	
125. December 14. Joseph Bruce to Sibyl Childs.	
126. January 31. Alpheus Newton to Elizabeth Clafflin.	1753. N.S.
127. March 8. Ebenezer Forbush to Lucy Bowker.	-
128. May 2. Asa Convers of Killingley in Connecticut to Ruth Fay of	
Westborough.	
129. June 20. Aaron Warrin to Mary Bond.	
139. [sic] December 26. Nathaniel Whitney junior to Abigail Joslin.	
140. January 8. Phinehas Maynard to Dorothy Rice.	<u>1754.</u>
141. September 5. Samuel Williams to Eleanor Gould.	
142. February 11. Joseph Grout junior to Sarah Rice.	<u>1755.</u>
143. March 5. Jonas Wilder of Bolton to Elizabeth Baker of Westborough.	
144. May 21. Jonathan Adams of Shrewsbury to Hephzibah Baker of	
Westborough.	
145. September 24. Samuel Clark of Sherbourn to Sarah Harrington of	
Westborough.	
146. May 20. Artemas Bruce to Mary Lattney.	<u>1756.</u>
147. July 21. Samuel Forbush junior to Abigail Forbush.	
148. September 21. Daniel Miller to Sarah Bigelow.	
149. November 11. Mr. Timothy Minott junior of Concord was marryed to	
Miss Mary Martyn of Westborough.	
150. March 2, 1757. Mr. John Martyn junior to Miss Abigail Baker.	<u>1757</u>
151. June 7. Samuel Noyes of Shrewsbury to Rachel Pratt of Westborough.	
152. July 12. Seth Morse of Hopkinton to Sarah Warrin of Westborough.	

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- 1758. No. 153. April 26. Thomas Hardy to Hephzibah Rice
  - 154. and Jonathan Cook to Mary Biglow.
  - 155. August 24. Solomon Mathews of Petersham to Lydia Bowman of Westborough.
  - 156. October 18. William Ward of Southborough Esq. to Mrs. Sarah Smith of Westborough.
  - 157. November 15. Joseph Baker to Martha Death.
- 1759. 158. November 29. Jonathan How to Lydia Maynard.
  - 159. December 31. Daniel Forbush junior to Persis Crosby.
- 1760. 160. January 8. Seth Gashitt of Hopkinton to Anna Warrin of Westborough.
  - 161. May 5. James Miller of Westborough to Mary Willis of Hopkinton.
  - 162. June 12. William Crosman of Hopkinton to Susanna Newton of Westborough.
  - 163. \_\_\_\_ 26. Joshua Kendal junior of Suffield to Joanna Forbush of Westborough.
  - 164. July 8. James Bowman junior to Mary Gashit.
- 1761. 165. February 5. Barnabas Newton to Eunice Bond.
  - 166. \_\_\_\_ 24. Silas Frost of Westborough to Mary Pratt of Shrewsbury.
  - 167. July 21. Jabez Snow junior to Hannah Mathis.
- 1762. 168. October 21. Benjamin Gates of Rutland to Experience Mason of Westborough.
  - 169. October 26. Merodach-Baladan Smith to Martha How.
  - 170. \_\_\_\_ 28. John Wood to Martha Fay.
  - 171. November 24. Noah Hardy of Brookfield to Rachel Newton of Westborough.
  - 172. November 25. Abraham Bond to Dinah Forbes.
- 173. May 11. Rufus Pratt of Hardwick to Hannah Ball of Westborough.
  - 174. May 12. John Ball to Lydia Pratt.

Omitted No. 162. May 8, 1760. Thomas Frost of Westborough to Ruhamah Pratt of Shrewsbury.

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175. June 29. The Rev. Mr. Joseph Bowman of Onohoquaque to Miss	
Lavinia Baker of Westborough.	
176. July 18. Silas Crosby of Southborough to Rebecca Forbes of	
Westborough.	
177. August 30. Joseph Thurston to Thankfull Woods.	
178. October 31. John Fessenden of Rutland District to Abigail How of	
Westborough.	
N.B. In the former page there are two of the No. 162. Therefore all since a	are
to be corrected and this last should be 179.	110
180. May 3, 1764. Mr. Israel Allen of Shrewsburyu to Mrs. Kathaine Josl	in <u>1764.</u>
of Westborough.	III <u>1704.</u>
181. January 190, 1765. Rufus Putnam of Brookfield to Persis Rice of	1765.
Westborough.	1705.
e	
182. February 7. Eli Whitney to Elizabeth Fay.	
183. October 24. Samuel Thurston to Sarah Townsend.	17((
184. February 6, 1766. Silas Hil to Jemima Thompson.	<u>1766.</u>
185. April 3. Joseph Bond to Hephziba Pratt.	
186 10. Ebenezer Chamberlin junior to Esther Fay	
and Simeon Bellows to Rebecca Warrin.	
187. July 24. Moses Wheelock to Lydia Bond.	
188. January 22, 1767. Edmund Chamberlin to Ruth Pratt.	<u>1767.</u>
189. March 12. Jonathan Champney of Southborough to Damaris How of	•
Westborough.	
190. March 26. Timothy Warrin junior to Thankful How.	
191. April 14. Nathan Townsend to Sarah Putnam.	
192. April 16. Jonathan Child of Grafton to Eunice Smith of Westborough	1
and	
193. Solomon Child of Grafton to Martha Rice of Westborough.	

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- No. 194. April 23. Benjamin Warrin to Lucretia How.
- 195. May 7. Solomon Baker to Hannah Hardy.
- 196. June 11. David Maynard junior of Westborough to Sarah Savage of Sherbourn.
- 197. October 6. Daniel Stockwell to Rebecca Warrin junior.
- 198. \_\_\_\_\_ 27. Jacob Rice of Northborough to Hannah Maynard of Westborough.
- 199. November 12. Benjamin Wood to Sarah Johnson.
- 1768 200. January 14. John Maynard to Martha Brigham.
  - 201. April 28. John Leonard of Southborough to Ruth Biglow of Westborough.
  - 202. May 5. Thaddeus Warrin to Hannah Gould.
  - 203. October 13. David Brigham of <u>Shrewsbury</u> to Martha Chamberlin of Westborough.
  - 204. and Rev. Jonathan Moore of Rochester to <u>Susanna Parkman</u> of Westborough.
  - 205. November 6. Nathan Kenny to Abigail Williams and
  - 206. Reuben Pratt to Ruth Williams.
  - 207. November 24. Thomas Arnold to Margery Pratt.
  - 208. December 1. Thomas Hale of junior of Brookfield to Ruth Hardy of Westborough.
- <u>1769.</u> 209. January 10. Isaiah Rider of Hopkinton to Mary Forbes of Westborough.
  - 210. January 31. Elisha Forbes to Hannah Flag.
  - 211. June 20. Joseph Warrin to Hephzibah Maynard.
  - 212. September 28. Rev. John Cushing of Ashburnham to <u>Sarah Parkman</u> of Westborough.
  - 213. November 16. Job Pratt to Mercy Williams.
  - 214. \_\_\_\_\_ 28. John Rogers to Esther Ball.
- 1770. 215. February 15. Solomon Woods to Jemima Warrin.
  - 216. May 1. James Godfry to Mary Andrews.
  - 217. July 16. Samuel Thurston to Sarah Harrington.

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218. August 30. Benjamin Fisk of Northborough to Hannah Maynard of Westbor 219. October 9. John Drury to Temple to Mary Pratt of Westborough.	ough.
220. December 6. Ebenezer Maynard junior to Hannah Roberts.	
221 19. William Brigham of Southborough to Lydia Chamberlin of Westbo	orough.
222. January 30, 1771. Joseph Green junior to Lucy Whipple.	<u>1771.</u>
31. Peter Adams to Susanna Pratt.	
223. July 9. Levi Brigham to Tabitha Hardy.	
224. October 24. Joseph McCulloch to Sarah Spring.	
225. January 1. Nathan Fay to Persis Harrington.	<u>1772.</u>
226. May 14. Benjamin Fay junior to Beulah Stow.	
227 21. Isaac Davis to Anne Brigham.	
228. June 16. Joseph Belknap to Esther Snow.	
229 18. Joseph Rice to Mary Green.	
230. July 2. Jonathan Forbes to Sarah Brigham.	
231. September 15. Nathan Fisher to Mehitabel Forbes.	
232. John Ball of Northborough to Mary Baker of Westborough on November 5.	
233. May 23. Joseph Keen and Mary Painter, Residents of Westborough, were m	arryed. <u>1773.</u>
234. October 5. David Matthews of Colrain to Lucy Fay of Westborough.	
235. November 25. Benjamin Rice of Northborough to Sarah Green of Westboro	_
236. March 3, 1774. Daniel Godfy of Lancaster to Ruth Bellows of Westborough	ı. <u>1774.</u>
237. May 5. Caleb Harrington of Waltham to Sarah Miller of Westborough and	
236 [sic]. Joseph Hardy to Lucy Parker.	
239. June 23. Isaac Lamb to Hannah Williams.	

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- 240. August 25. Jonathan Maynard to Zipporah Bruce.
- 241. December 1. Ezra Bellows to Ruth Harrington.
- 242. \_\_\_\_ 8. Timothy Parker to Lucy Bond.
- 243. \_\_\_\_ 15. Seth Morse to Lydia Belknap.
- 1775. 244. January 4. Daniel Chamberlin to Lydia Harrington.
  - 245. April 4. Benjamin Whitney to Esther Higgins.
  - 246. November 9. Hananiah Parker of Westborough to Hephzibah Warrin of Shrewsbury.
- 1776. January 11. No. 247. John Fay to Mehitabel Brigham and
  - 247. Thomas Andrews to Hannah Forbush.
  - 248. February 15. Reuben Maynard to Molly Garfield.
  - 249. March 28. Simon Forbes to Susan Miller.
  - 250. May 16. Benjamin Tainter junior to Margaret Hinds.
  - 251. June 13. Phinehas Forbes to Ruth Adams.
  - 252. September 19. Isaiah Fairbank of Grafton to Ruth Eager of Westborough.
  - 253. Eleazar Pratt junior of Westborough to Mary Druce of Grafton. September 26.
  - 254. John Beeton junior to Eunice Hill, the Same Evening with the Preceding.
  - 255. November 5. Samuel Whitney to Lavinia Biglow.
- 1777. 256. January 2. John Belknap to Joanna Kendal.
  - 257. February 13. John Wait of Alsted and Elizabeth Harrington of Westborough.
  - 258. May 22. Benjamin Ball to Lucy Belknap.
  - 259. June 3. Jonathan Whipple to Hannah Rice.
  - 260. December 24. Richard Barns to Jemima Maynard.

### Marriages.

261. October 7, 1778. Solomon Bathrick was married to Thankfull Warrin.  262. 22. Seth Brigham to Eunice Palmer.	<u>1778.</u>
263. November 10. George Andrews to Hannah Baker.	
264. December 17. David Gooddell and Elizabeth Brigham, both of	
Marlborough, but no Minister there, nor at Framingham. And	
William Acock, A Foreigner, but has resided for many months in Westborough;	
to Mary Lewis from Charlestown, but has dwelt here from Year to Year.	
265. April 29. Phinehas Brigham to Lydia Batherick.	<u>1779.</u>
266. June 3. Phinehas Hardy to Sarah Wiman.	
267. September 9. David Fay to Patience Harvey.	
268 16. Jacob Broaders to Katharine Fessenden.	
269 30. Edward Brigham to Sarah Miller.	
270. October 28. Stephen Fay to Betty Andrews.	
271. and John Warrin and Anna Forbush, at the Same time.	
272. November 25 <sup>th</sup> . Daniel Steward of Paxton to Dorothy Maynard of	
Westborough.	
273. Eleazar Wheelock to Thankfull Maynard on December 9.	
274. January 24, 1780. Antipas Brigham was marryd to Hephzibah Brigham. <u>1</u>	<u>1780.</u>
275. March 9. Stephen Belknap to Eunice Warren.	
276. June 1. Elias Harding of Medway to Thankful Forbes of Westborough.	
277. September 21. Elijah Brigham to Anna-Sophia Parkman.	

#### Marriages.

November 16, 1780.

- No. 278. Thaddeus Wait to Sally Morse.
- No. 279. Elisha Livermore of Shrewsbury to Lucy Maynard of Westborough, December 7.
- 1781. 280. Eli Lealand to Mehitabel Miller, April 19, 1781.
  - 281. September 6. Jonathan Pierce to Lydia Bowman.,
  - 282. November 20. Robert Whiteman Resident of this Town, to Susanna Devine of Westborough.
  - 283. 22. Moses Warren to Priscilla Nurse.
  - 284. December 20. Fortunatus Miller to Elizabeth Forbush.
- 1782. 285. March 28. Enoch Greenwood to Miriam Forbes.
  - 286. Asa Forbush to Mehitabel Fay.
  - 287. April 3. Joseph Robbins to Eleanor Miller.
  - 288. May 23. Isaac Ruggles to Hephzibah Parker.
  - 289. June 27. Elijah Force to Hannah Newton.
  - 290. September 16. Gershom Brigham to Bulah Bellows.

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An account of those persons who have been received into the Church in Westborough since January 14, 1789.

August 9. Judith, wife of Eli Whitney, was received upon recommendation from the

second Church in Sutton.

December 13. Hannah, wife of Beriah Ware, was received upon recommendation from

the second Church in Brookfield.

1790 ⊕Mrs. Lucy Fairbanks and Mrs. Sarah Pike were receivd.

February 7.

March 28. 

Martha, wife of Asahel Bigelow, was receid.

April 11. Barnabas Newton and Eunice his wife were receivd.

August 22. 

Mrs. Dinah Bond was receivd.

1791 David Tainter and Catharine his wife were receivd.

January 9.

May 1. Mr. Jonathan Grout junior A.B. was receivd.

July 24. Sarah Sampson was receivd.

October 30. Asa Forbush and Mehitable his wife were receivd.

1792 ⊕Lydia Brigham was receivd.

February 5.

August 5. William Johnson and ⊕Marcy his wife, also ⊕Nathaniel Fay and ⊕Ruth his

wife, were all receive upon recommendation from the Church in

Southborough.

December 2. Miss Hannah Harrington and 

Miss Margaret Miller were received.

Martha Chamberlain was receivd.

August 11.

December 22. Betsey Grout was receivd. [In a later hand:] Joined the Baptists.

1794 Lydia Morse was receivd.

January 5

February 9 Thankfull Ball was receivd.

16 Miss 

Nabby Drury was receivd.

9Nehemiah Miller and Jemima [in a later hand: now Fisher] his wife were

receivd.

30 Hannah Cobb was receivd. April 6 Dydia Brigham was receivd.

Benjamin Johnson was receivd.

⊕Ebenezer Maynard and Sarah his wife were receivd.

November 30 Joanna Forbes was received. [Added later: Dismissed].

⊕Hannah Forbes, wife of Elisha Forbes, was received upon recommendation from

August 19 the Church in Upton.

August 23 Barnum Blake and Ruth his wife were receivd.

⊕Miss Deidamea White was receivd.

March 20

August 14 Samuel Dorr was receivd. 1797 • Mary Grout was receivd.

June 4

October 29 Ebenezer Chamberlain Junior was receivd.

1798 ⊕Sarah Hardy was receivd.

August 5

16 Tabitha Hardy was receivd.

98 Samuel Grout and Betty his wife and Solomon Fay and Susanna his wife were

February 17 receivd. [WG?] Parker. 80

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup>Breck Parkman recorded Dolly Clews's burial (April 13, 1794), while the *Columbian Centeniel* reported the death of Dolly Clowes (April 23, 1794).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup>Breck Parkman's diary entry for this day does not mention anyone named Parker: "Solomon Fay and his Wife, Samuel Grout and his wife make their confessions and Join the Church. Snows all day."

September 22 William Buton was receivd.

Benjamin Fay Junior and Sarah his wife were receivd.

Otis Parker and Mary his wife were receivd.

March 23

November 30 Esther Belknap, Lydia Belknap, and Lucy Woods were receivd.

Bulah Peters, wife of Andrew Peters, was received upon ⊕Bulah Peters, was received upon

February 4 recommendation from the Church in Mendon.

May 31 Hannah Breck Parkman, Susanna Brigham Parkman, and Anna Sophia

Brigham were receivd.

November 29 Hephzibah Smith was receivd.

December 27 Elihu Blake and <sup>®</sup>Elizabeth his wife were receivd.

Bruth Fay and ⊕Nancy Fisher were receivd.

May 30

August 15 Margery Adams, wife of Isaac Adams Junior, was received upon

recommendation from the Church in Hopkinton.

1803 ©Catharine Pratt was received.

September 25

Luther Maynard was receive upon recommendation from the Church

in Conway.

1805 May 19 Moses Grout and Caty his wife were receivd.

May 11 Shrewsbury.

September 20 

Mary Harrington was received upon recommendation from the Church

in Alstead State of New-Hampshire.

September 20 Lucy Green was received.

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An account of all those who have been dismissed from the care and watch of the Church in Westborough and recommended to the fellowship and communion of other Churches during Mr. Robinson's Ministry.

1789 May 3	Doctor Joseph Grout Jr. was dismissed from us and recommended to the Church in Grafton.
1790 August 11	Persis Putnam whose dismission and recommendation from this Church to the second Church in Brookfield was mislaid and lost, upon her desire therefor she was furnished with a new dismission from us and recommended to any Church where Providence may cast her lot.
1791 April 6	Adam Rice and Lois his wife were dismissed from us and recommended to the Church in Hanover (N.H.).
1794 August 31	Isaac Davis and Anna his wife, and also Antipas Brigham and Lydia his wife, were dismissed from us and recommended to the Church in Northborough.
1796 February 21	Martha Butler, wife of Mr. Joel Butler and daughter of Ebenezer Chamberlain, was dismissed and recommended to the Church in Townsend, Middlesex County.

1797	Mrs. Hannah Fish, wife of the Rev. Holloway Fish of Marlborough
January 29	(N.H.), was dismissed from us and recommended to the church in that
1004	place.
1804	Mr. John Eugene Tyler and Hannah-Breck, his wife, were dismissed
January 1	from us and recommended to the church in Boston, commonly styled the <u>Old South</u> .
1805	Otis Parker and Mary his wife were dismissed from us and
February 11	recommended to the church in Hubbardston.
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September 8	Joseph Baker Esq. and Martha his wife were dismissed from us and recommended to the church in Lemerick, in the county of York and Province of Maine.
<b>5</b>	
December 1	Lucy (late Woods, now) Leeland, Wife of Barzillai L., was dismissed from us and recommended to the church in Holliston.

The Records on the two last pages were made from minutes furnished by my Predecessor, who neglected to record them on the Church Book during his Ministry.

Attest. E. Rockwood Pastor

May 26, 1818.

It appears from sufficient testimony that the following persons were dismissed and recommended to other churches during Mr. Robinson's ministry, though he preserved no record of the same, Viz., Samuel Dorr, recommended to the 2<sup>nd</sup> South Church in Boston, Lydia Chamberlain (formerly Belknap) Recommended to the Church in Southborough.

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An account of the Children who have been Baptis'd in Westborough since January 14, 1789.

18	Silas of Daniel and Rebecca Stockwell.
March 8	Timothy of Eli and Mehitable Leeland.
	Mary of Joseph and Eleanor Robbins.
April 12	Persis of Antipas Brigham.
19	Anna of Thomas and Hannah Andrews.
June 14	Betsey of Fortunatus and Betsey Miller.
July 26	Lucy of John and Mehitable Fay.
October 11	Eli of Daniel and Lydia Chamberlain.
	Daniel of Benjamin and Abigail Bowman.
December 20	Elihu of Binjamin and Bulah Fay.
1790	John of Caleb and Sarah Harrington.
February 14	Charles Clark of Ebenezer and Hannah Gay.
April 4	Jonathan of the Widow Lucy Fairbanks.
May 2	Mary of Barnabas and Eunice Newton.
	Josiah of Gershom and Esther Brigham
9	Nahum and Nathan of the widow Sarah Pike
	Asahel, Otis, and Olney of Asahel and Msrtha Bigelow
June 20.	Silas of Stephen and Sarah Maynard.
	Lucy of John and Annah Warren
July 18	Nancy of Jonathan and Sarah Forbes.
1791	Chatharine Sparhawk and Thomas of David and Catharine Tainter
January 9	
16	Anson of Asahel and Martha Bigelow.
May 29	Nabby of Jonathan and Susanna Bathrick.
June 24	James of Sarah Sampson.
31	Edward of John and Mehitable Fay.
August 21	Abiel of Benjamin and Abigail Bowman.

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August 28	Ranslear of Antipas and Lydia Brigham.
October 2	Mary of Joseph and Eleanor Robbins.
November 6	Anna Lot and Asa Bouker of Asa and Mehitable Fay
1792	Julia of Asa and Mehitable Forbush
January 15	Charles of Fortunatus and Betsey Miller
February 5	Patty of Thomas and Hannah Andrews.
April 15	Eli, Phinehas, and Willard of Phinehas and Lydia Brigham
July 1	Polly, Elijah, and Daniel of Rufus and Mary Forbush
August 12	Stephen of Phinehas and Lydia Brigham
19	Nancy of Daniel and Lydia Chamberlain.
	Nathan of Rufus and Mary Forbush.
September 9	Patty of Nathanael of [sic] Ruth Fay
16	Caty of John and Annah Warren.
October 28	Eliphaz of Benjamin and Bulah Fay.
November 18	Nahum of Jonathan and Susanna Bathrick.
December 2	Joseph of Joseph and Lucy Hardy.
1793	Anna of Breck and Susanna Parkman.
January 6	
13	Nehemiah of Caleb and Sarah Harrington.
April 7	Moses Gill of Stephen and Sarah Maynard.
14	Daniel and Asahel and Martha Bigelow.
June 9	Susanna of Benjamin and Abigail Bowman.
30	Hollis of Nathanael and Ruth Fay.
November 10	r John Tyler upon his public profession of Religion was baptized, it not having
	been done for him in his infancy.
17	Lydia of Antipas and Lydia Brigham.
	Jonah, Lambert, and Polly of Isaac and Jedidah Forbush

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February 15
August 23 John of Benjamin and Abigail Bowman.
October 4 Hannah and Barnum of Barnum and Ruth Blake
Rena of Nathanael and Ruth Fay.
November 29 Curtis of Daniel and Lydia Chamberlain.
December 27 Sally Sophronia of Elijah and Sally Brigham.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup>No children of Levi and Thankfull Ball are in the *WVR*.
<sup>82</sup>Arathusa, dau. David and Lucy Brigham, b. Oct. 2, 1792; *WVR*, 24.

1796	Josiah of Edward and Hannah Cobb.
March 20	
May 15	Hannah of Benjamin and Bulah Fay
	Mary Augusta of Breck and Susanna Parkman
	Ade of the Widow Sarah Pike.
29	Philomela of Nehemiah and Jemima Miller.
August 28	Mare Ann of Joseph and [blank] Nichols. 83
October 2	Luke of Barnum and Ruth Blake.
1797	Dana Ward of Elijah and Sally Brigham.
March 12	Lorena of Coolidge and Hannah Forbush.
1798	Josiah of John and Mehitable Fay.
April 29	
May 13	Susanna Walter of Elijah and Sally Brigham.
July 8	Susanna of Stephen and [blank] Maynard. <sup>84</sup>
August 5	Sarah Hardy, wife of Mr. Phinehas Hardy, was taken into the Church and
	Baptis'd, it not having been done for her in her Infancy.
August 12	Nahum, Sally, Noah, and John of Phinehas and Sarah Hardy
26	Joel of Coolidge and Hannah Forbush.
1799	Nathan of Levi and Thankfull Ball.
January 20	
March 10	Mindwell and Betty of Samuel and Betty Grout
17	Eliphaz of Solomon and Susanna Fay.
April 28	Hannah Howe of Nehemiah and Jemima Miller.
June 23	Linda of Samuel and Betty Grout.
September	William Buton, not having been Baptis'd in his infancy, was taken unto the

Laurinda of the Reverend John and Mrs. Nabby Robinson. October 6

Church and Baptis'd.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>83</sup>Miri Ann, dau. of Joseph and Thankful Nichols, b. August 24, 1796; WVR, 79.
 <sup>84</sup>Susannah, dau. of Stephen and Sarah Maynard, b. June 28, 1798; ibid., 72.

1800 Charlotte Sophia of Breck and Susanna Parkman.

February 16

April 20 Isaac and Daniel of Otis and Mary Parker June 15 Julia of Daniel and Lydia Chamberlain. October 12 Charles Miles of John and Mehitable Fay.

November 30 Miss Lucy Woods, not having been Baptisd in her infancy, she was taken

into the Church and Baptisd.

1801 Catharine of Elijah and Sally Brigham.

February 1

March 29 Samuel Austen of Benjamin and Anne Harrington.

April 19 Salome of Coolidge and Hannah Forbush.

May 3. Benjamin Franklin of Asa and Mehitable Forbush.

June 21. Polly of Barnabas and Eunice Miller.

Curtis of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Brigham.

August 30 Lucy of Otis and Mary Parker.

September 6 Holloway of David and Lucy Brigham.

Elizabeeth Fay, Elihu, Eli Whitney, Charles Thompson, and Maria of Elihu

January 3 and Elizabeth Blake

Mary Hayard of Nehemiah and Jemima Miller.85

Marshal Horatio of Barnum and Ruth Blake.

April 4 Sally Rice of Samuel and Betty Grout.

May 30 Nancy Fisher, not having been Baptisd in her infancy, she was taken into

the Church and Baptisd on her own account.

June 6 Nancy of Daniel and Ruth Fay.

September 26 John Augustus of the Reverend John and Mrs. Nabby Robinson.

Frances Melinda of Elihu and Elizabeth Blake.

Hannah of Benjamin and Anne Harrington

Base of Elizabeth Brighten

Dana of Ebinezer and Elizabeth Brigham

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>85</sup>Mary Heywood, dau. of Nehemiah and Jemima Miller, b. December 28, 1801; WVR, 75.

May 22 Nancy Maria of John and Mehitable Fay. June 12 Hannah of Isaac Junior and Margery Adams

July 3 Elbridge of Daniel and Ruth Fay.

July 17 James Dexter of Barnabas and Eunice Miller.

August 7 Caroline of Barnum and Ruth Blake.

September 4 Solomon Taylor of Solomon and Susanna Fay.

November 27 Mary Nurse of Otis and Mary Parker. 1804 Abigail of Ephraim and Catharine Childs.

January 15

May 13 Samuel of Samuel and Betty Grout.

May 20 Charlotte of Coolidge and Hannah Forbush.
October 14 Elijah of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Brigham.

November 4 Philos of Elihu and Elizabeth Blake.

Antipas, Elizabeth, and Elijah of Reuben and Elizabeth Bellows

John Gibson of Isaac Junior and Margery Adams.

Josiah of Elihu and Elizabeth Blake.

January 20.

June 23 Curtis of Benjamin and Anne Harrington.

December 8 Mark Collins, Maria, and Israel Putnam of the Widow Sarah Sibley

Melinda of the Widow Sarah Sibley.

January 12

May 11 Nancy of Samuel and Betty Grout.

Sanford of Isaac Junior and Margery Adams.

June 22 Harriot of Nehemiah and Jemima Miller.

Jabez of Job and Submit Newton.

December 22 Lewis Drury of the Reverend John and Mrs. Nabby Robinson.

1807 Mary Charlotte of William and Relief Buton January 11 Elijah Parkman of Elijah Brigham Junior May 10 Elbridge of Coolidge and Hannah Forbush.

31 Susanna of Daniel and Ruth Fay.

#### 1807 Baptisms.

December 12 Edward, son of Benjamin and Anna Harrington, baptizd by Reverend Mr. Benjamin Wood.

Martha, Daughter of David and Lucy Brigham, by Reverend Mr. Sumner, who preachd April 10 and administred the Sacrament.

June 12 George Washington [and] John Adams, twin sons of Elihu and Elizabeth Blake, baptized by Reverend Doctor Kendall of Weston who preachd and administred the Sacrament.

Whole number of Baptisms	
during Rev. Mr. Parkman's Ministry	1346
Between his and the Rev. Mr.	
Robinson's Ministry	103
During Mr. Robinson's Ministry	178
Between his and Rev. Mr.	
Rockwoods Ministry	4
Total	1631

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# Westborough Church Covenant.

The Day being arrived (which before was appointed) for the Gathering a Church and ordaining a Pastor over them; and the Reverend and Beloved Elders and Delegates being formed into an Ecclesiastical Council proceeded in very Solemn manner to the said work: The Covenant which was signed by Each of the members was in this Subsequent form

October 28, 1724

Westborough, October 28, 1724.

We [whose names are hereunto Subscribed Inhabitants of the Town of Westborough in New England] knowing that we are very prone to offend and provoke the most high God both in Heart and Life through the Prevalence of Sin that dwelleth in us and Manifold Temptations from without us, for which we have great Reason to be unfeignedly humbled before Him from Day to Day; Do, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ with Dependence upon the gracious Assistance of his Holy Spirit Solemnly enter into Covenant with God, and one with another, according to God, as Followeth.

1. That having Chosen and taken the Lord Jehovah to be our GOD, we will fear him, cleave to him in Love and Serve him in Truth, with all our Hearts; giving up our selves unto him to be his People, in all things to be at his Direction and Sovereign Disposal, that we may have and hold Communion with him, as members of Christ's

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mystical Body according to his Revealed Will, unto our Lives End.

- 2. We also bind our Selves to bring up our Children and Servants in the Knowledge and Fear of God, by holy Instruction according to our best Abilities; and in Special by the use of Orthodox Catechisms that the True Religion may be maintained in our Families, while we live.
- 3. And we further Promise to keep close to the Truth of Christ, endeavouring with lively Affection towards it in our hearts, to defend it against all Opposers thereof, as God Shall call us at any time thereunto. Which that we may do We Resolve to use the Holy Scriptures as our platform, whereby we may discern the mind of Christ, and not the newfound Inventions of Men.
- 4. We also engage our Selves to have a carefull inspection over our own hearts. That is, So as to Endeavour by the virtue of the Death of Christ, the Mortification of all our Sinfull Passions, worldly Frames and disorderly Affections, whereby we may be with drawn from the Living God.
- 5. We moreover oblige our selves in the Faithfull Improvement of our abilities and Opportunity; to worship God according to all the Particular Institutions of Christ in his Church, under Gospel Administrations. As, to give reverent Attention unto the word of God: to pray unto him: to sing his Praise: and to hold Communion Each with other in the use of both the Seals of the Covenant of Christ, namely Baptism and the Lords Supper.
- 6. We likewise promise that we will peaceably Submitt unto the Holy discipline appointed by Christ in his Church for offenders; obeying them that Rule over us in the Lord.
- 7. We also bind our Selves to walk in Love: one towards another; Endeavouring our mutual Edification; visiting, Exhorting, comforting (as Occasion Serveth)

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#### Covenant.

And warning any Brother or Sister which offendeth, not divulging private offences irregularly; but heedfully following the Severall Precepts laid down by Christ for Church-Dealing in Matth. 18.15.16.17. Willingly forgiving all that manifest to the Judgment of Charity that they truly repent of their Miscarriages.

Now the God of Peace that brought again from the Dead our Lord Jesus Christ That great Shepherd of the Sheep, this the Blood of the Everlasting Covenant; make us all Perfect in Every good way and work to do his Will, working in us That which is Well pleasing in his Sight through Jesus Christ. To whom be Glory for Every and Ever — Amen.

- ⊕Ebenezer Parkman. Pastor.
- ⊕Thomas Forbush.
- ⊕John Pratt.
- ⊕Edmund Rice.
- ⊕Isaac Tomlin. Deacons
- ⊕John Fay.
- ⊕David Maynard.
- ⊕Thomas Newton.
- ⊕James Bradish. dy'd February 1763.
- ⊕David Brigham.
- ⊕Joseph wheeler.
- ⊕James Ball.
- ⊕Isaac Tomlin Junior

Of the members here and that follow, note well, Those that are marked  $\oplus$  (before their names) are dead. Those marked + made Confessions. Those with this mark #] are dismissed from us, that their particular Relation to use transferred to some other Church.

### The Names of

To the Church, these Persons following have been added since the incorporation; and God grant that both these and those already named may be of those that shall be Saved; with all those likewise that hereafter may be added!

1724	November 22, 1724	⊕Increase Ward
1725	April 4, 1725	⊕Josiah Newton
	July 25, 1725	⊕Anna Rice
		⊕Abigail Forbush
	(Dismissd From other Churches)	⊕Mary Parkman
		⊕Elizabeth Fay
		⊕Dorcas Forbush
		#Bathsheba Pratt
	September 5, 1725	#Peres Rice
		#Lydia Rice  Dinah Goodenough and
	(Dismiss'd to us.)	⊕Mary Brigham
		Martha Howard
	October 3, 1725	⊕+John Fay Junior+
		#Hannah Fay
		#Nathan Ball
		⊕Mary Ball
		#John Pratt junior #Martha Thurston
	November 21, 1725	#Rebecca Byles
1726	April 3, 1726	⊕Simon Tainter
	May 1, 1726	⊕Asher Rice
	September 11, 1726	⊕Edward Baker
	November 13, 1716	⊕xHannah Holloway+
	December 11, 1726	⊕Thomas Forbush junior
1727	January 29, 1727	⊕Katherine Joslin
	March 26.1727	#xMary Shattuck+
	April 2, 1727	⊕Jonathan Forbush
	(Dismissed to us.)	⊕Hannah Forbush
	May 7, 1727	⊕Tabitha Fay
	September 24, 1727	#xEunice Pratt+

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> x<sup>®</sup>Thomas Rice junior+ exMary Rice (his wife)+

December 31, 1727 ⊕<sub>x</sub>Eunice Cook+

Hannah Forbush (wife of Thomas Forbush junior)

Nathaniel Whitney

January 21, 1718. ⊕Thomas Bruce

Mary Whitney

January 28 ⊕Hezekiah Tomlin

March 21 #+Eleazar Bellows and+

#+Sarah Bellows (his wife)

April 14 Jonathan and

 $\tiny \scriptsize \oplus Lydia\ Goodenow$ 

#Rebecca Howard

May 19 #Ephraim and

⊕Susanna Allen

July 7 ⊕#James and

#Lydia Fay#John GreenSamuel junior andDeliverance Fay

**Mehitabel** 

August 11 ⊕#James Cutler.

Elizabeth Wheeler.#Mary Holloway.

September 29 ⊕#Agnes Thornton.

October 6 #Sarah Ball.

# The Names of

1729.	November 7, 1728  January 12, 1728/9 February 9.	<ul><li>James Miller.</li><li>Sarah Miller.</li><li>#Kezia Maynard.</li><li>#Benjamin Thurston.</li></ul>	
	23,	Daniel and  Vashti	Hardy.
	May 4, 1729. (Dismissed from Waterton.)	#Jonathan and #Abigail	Livermore.
	June 8.	⊕Habijah and ⊕Mary	Bruce.
	August 24.	⊕Charles and ⊕Rachel	Rice.
	September 7.	#Hezekiah and	Ward.
	(dismissed from Marlborough.)		
1730.	July 1730.	#Margarett McCollister.	
	Recommended from Wor'ster		
	October 25. Dismissed from	⊕Elizabeth How.	
	Marlborough.		
	November 1.	Margarett Gamel.	
	November 15.	#Thankfull Rice.	
	December 6.	#Samuel and	Hardy.
	12	#Tabitha	
1731	13. February 14.	Thankfull Smith. Ruhamah Newton.	
1/31	June 27.	Seth &	Rice.
	Julie 27.	Dorothy	race.
		#Phebe Willard. and	
		⊕Rebecca Tainter.	
		(Dismissed from	
		Waterton.)	

# The Members

August 1. 1731. December 12.	⊕Ruth Ward #Jacob and ⊕Hannah Rice.	
October 1, 1732. (Dismissed from Waterton)	Eunice Flagg	1732
August 26, 1733.	#Mercy Dowsing.	1733.
January 6, 1734.	#Francis Whipple	1734.
(Dismissed from Ipswich.)	#and Abigail his Wife.	
June 16.	⊕Sarah Bruce	
	⊕Jemima Maynard	
June 23.	⊕Jonathan Whipple	
	⊕and Frances his Wife.	
	and Mary Wright	
	(the 3 last dismissed from Ipswich)	
November 10.	#Hephzibah Hardy	
	⊕Sarah Bradish⊕	
January 26, 1735.	Rebecca Tainter junior	1735.
February 16.	Samuel and	
	⊕Deborah Grow	
May 18.	#Aaron Hardy and	
	Abigail Forbush	
July 27.	#Joshua Townsend	
August 10.	<sup>®</sup> Ithamar Bellows	
	⊕and Mary	
October 5.	Daniel Forbush	
February 22.	⊕Vashti Newton	1736.
29.	Hannah Rice.	
June 3.	⊕Jonathan and	
	Judith Bellows	
	⊕Aaron Forbush	
	Ruth Fay and	
	Ebenezer Chamberlain	
	(Dismissed from Newton)	
6.	#Sarah Billing	

# The Names of

	July 11	⊕#Eliezer How
	•	⊕Rachel Pratt
		Persis Rice and
		#Silas and
		Mindwell Brigham
	18.	Signam  Sign
	10.	Mercy Russell
		#Noah Rice
		Stephen Fay
	August 29	#John Danforth⊕
	rugust 2)	#Anna Rice
	October 10	
	October 10	<ul><li>#Mary Rice (wife of Beriah)</li><li>Patience Forbush</li></ul>
1727	April 10	
1/3/.	April 10	Hephzibah Maynard  diamiasad from Marlharayah
	May 22.	dismissed from Marlborough  BJonathan Forbush junior
	Way 22.	_
		#Tabitha Eager
	July 3.	(dismissed from Marlborough) #Benjamin and⊕
	July J.	#Jane Lawrence
		(dismissed from Lexington)
1738	January 22.	Mary Maynard
1,50.	variaary 22.	(dismissed from Marlborough and
	N.B. Number 150	Hannah Parkman
	April 16	⊕Mercy Rogers
	July 9	⊕Mary Bruce junior
	August 27	Daniel and
		⊕Mary Warrin
1739.	April 8.	Hannah Warrin
-	•	Lydia (wife of Martin) Pratt
		Dismissed from Hopkinton
		#Ruth Bradish
	October 7.	⊕Jerusha Ward
		Mercy Nurse

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### the Members.

June 8. dismissed from Lexington	⊕#Jemima Caruth	1740.
October 5.	Elizabeth Harrington	
November 16	⊕#James Bradish junior	
23.	⊕#Matthias &	
	⊕#Anna Rice	
July 26, 1741	Benjamin &	1741
vary 20, 17 11	Martha Fay	1,11
September 6.	#Elizabeth Newton	
September 6.	Sarah Shattuck	
October 11	#Susanna Tainter	
October 11	Joanna Forbush	
	(wife of Jonathan Forbush junior	
10	Mary Graves	
18.	•Eleanor &	
N. 1 0	⊕Hannah Beeman	
November 8.	Hannah Mainard	
Dismissed from Medfield	⊕Joseph and⊕	
from Marlborough	Dorothy Thurston	
from Marlborough	Damaris Bradish	
	(wife of James Bradish)	
from Ipswich 3d Church	Mary (Patch, now) Tomlin	
	(wife Deacon Tomlin)	
November 23	Mathias and Anna Rice were	
16 00 1740	Admitted into the Church#	15.40
May 30, 1742	Samuel [and]	1742
	Abigail Williams	
	⊕#Beriah Rice	
	Daniel [and]	
	⊕Mary Stone	
	Sarah Bellows	
July 11	Phinehas Forbush	
	⊕#Bethiah Brigham	
	Abigail Forbush (wife of Daniel	
	who was dismissed from Newton)	
November 21	⊕#Samuel Allen	
June 5, 1743	Zebulon rice	1743
	William and	
	Sarah Pierce the last dismissed	
	from Southborough	

# The Names of

	December 11	Silas & Hannah Fay
1744	June 10, 1744	Jonathan Tainter     God
		Sarah (wife of Capt. Dan) Warrin dismissed from Worcester
	August 19	⊕#Mary Whitney junior #Sarah Tainter
	October 21	##Eli Forbush
	00000121	Thankfull Maynard
	February 24	Persis Baker, wife of Capt. Baker
1745	April 14, 1745	#Samuel Baker
1, 10	11, 11, 17, 10	#Jonas and
		⊕#Lydia Warrin of Upton
	May 26	Edwards and
		®Sarah Whipple
		Jonas Child
1746	May 18	®Sarah Forbush (wife of Capt. Samuel)
		and Sibyl Child (wife of Jonas)
	November 30	<pre>Prudence (wife of Phinehas) Hardy)</pre>
		dismissed from Grafton
1747	April 12	⊕Levi & Susanna Brigham
	May 17	⊕#Mary Parkman
	August 16	Jonas and Persis Brigham
	~	⊕and Mary (wife of Cornelius) Biglo
15.40	September 27	#Joseph Bowker
1748	November 6	Benjamin Tainter
1749	April 9	Mehetable Rice
		dismissed from Beverly
	August 6	#Hephzibah Crosby
	August 6 27	⊕#Charles Brigham of Grafton ⊕David and
	21	David and  Lydia Batherick
		Lydia Daulettek

# The Members.

November 19	<sup>®</sup> Elizabeth (wife of James junior) Millar	
	Mehetable (wife of Moses) Brigham	
	Margaret (wife of James) Millar	
	(recommended and dismissed from Sudbury)	
November 25, 1750	#⊕Anna Bradish	1750
March 3, 1751	#  Hannah Forbush junior	1751
February 23, 1752	⊕Jonathan Bond	1752
	⊕Lydia Twitchel dismissed from Waterton	
	⊕⊕Eleazar Whitney dismissed from Waltham	
	®Margaret Chaddock dismissed from Mendon	
	2d Church	
	⊕Mary Bond	
November 30 New stile	⊕Moses and	
	Persis Warrin	
	⊕Amy Maynard	
September 1, 1754	⊕#Moses Twitchel}	1754
	<pre>#Mary Twitchel }dismissed from Holliston</pre>	
	<ul><li>Susanna Twitchel (wife of Thomas) was also dismissed from Holliston</li></ul>	
April13, 1755	⊕Joseph Grout and	1755
	Mary his Wife, dismissed from Waltham	
	<sup>®</sup> Hannah Tainter (wife of Benjamin)	
	dismissed from Somers.	
June 1, 1755	<pre>Daniel and}</pre>	
	Abigail   Adams	
July 13	Solomon Woods	
	⊕Martha Dunlap	
	This last dismissed from Hopkinton	
October 5	Eunice (wife of Joseph) Rice	
	<sup>®</sup> Lucy (wife of Ebenezer) Forbush	

# The Names of

<u>1756.</u>	March 14, 1756	⊕Mary Latiny
<u>1757.</u>	March 13, 1757	⊕#Lucy Parkman
	April 24	⊕#Ebenezer Parkman junior
		⊕#Elizabeth Parkman
	August 28	⊕#Joseph Bowman
<u>1758.</u>	September 10, 1758	Hannah Miller (wife of Ebenezer)
	October 15	⊕Lydia Matthews (heretofore Bowman)
<u>1759.</u>	June 10, 1759	John Belknap and
		⊕Ruth his wife
		dismissed from Southborough
		Mary Pratt, wife of Hezekiah
		dismissed from Lexington
	September 9	Mary Knowlton (wife of Joseph junior)
<u>1760.</u>	January 13, 1760	⊕Joanna Fay (wife of Jonathan)
	February 3	⊕Joseph and}Baker
		⊕Martha }
	June 15	Mary Chase (wife of Thomas)
	July 27	⊕Solomon and}Baker
		<pre>  Sarah }</pre>
	August 30	Sarah Biglow (wife of Cornelius junior)
	October 26	⊕Thomas Twichell
		⊕Joseph and
		⊕Sarah Grout and
		⊕Rebecca Hardy
1761.	March 22	Elijah Rice and
		*Benjamin Hills
	May 3	⊕Molly Hills
		Persis Rice
<u>1762.</u>	July 4, 1762	⊕#Lavinia Baker

# the Members.

August 22	⊕Martha Beeton	
	⊕Sarah Morse	
September 26	⊕James Bowman	
	and Mary his Wife	
October 24	®Samuel Forbush	
	⊕and Abigail, his wife	
November 28	Hannah Rice (Wife of Edmund)	
March 13, 1763	Seth Morse junior	1763
May 1	#Adam and #Lois Rice	
29	<sup>x</sup> Deliverance Fay	
June 19	# <sup>x</sup> Priscilla Rice	
July 24	#Sarah Parkman	
27	⊕Pelatiah Metcalf	
November 27	⊕Constantine Hardy	
	⊕Joshua Kendall, this last dismissed	
	from Suffield	
February 5, 1764	⊕Jonathan Grout and	1764
	⊕Hannah his Wife	
12	Jemima Hardy, wife of Constantine	
	⊕Martha How	
March 11	®Elizabeth Beals	
May 27	⊕Isaac Miller	
August 12	⊕Hannah Rice (wife of Adonijah)	
February 3, 1765	⊕John Wood and	1765
	⊕Martha his Wife	
October 6	#John Cushing	
February 23, 1766	#William Parkman	1766

# The Names of

	March 16	⊕Lucy Sever
		the wife of Moses
	September 28	⊕Mary Miller
		Wife of Solomon
	October 19	⊕#Francis Whipple junior
		#Ezekiel Smith and
		#Ruth his Wife
1767	March 15, 1767	#⊕Susanna Parkman
	May 31	Hannah Biglow
		⊕Benjamin Wood
	August 30	⊕Abigail Fessenden
	November 1	⊕Joseph and
		⊕Ruth Harrington
	December 6	⊕Eli and
		⊕Elizabeth Whitney
1768	May 1, 1768	Edmund and Chamberlain
		⊕Ruth }
1769	May 21, 1769	Thomas and Bond
		Lydia }
	July 16	⊕Jabez junior and} Snow
		⊕Hannah }
1770	April 29, 1770	#Daniel and} McAllister
		#Mary }
	July 29	Prudence Rice
	September 9	Mary Pratt
1771	March 17	Jonathan and Bathrick
		<pre> ⊕Abigail } </pre>
		Abigail Parker
		dismissed from Grafton

# the Members.

May 19 and	⊕Levi and} Warrin	
June 2	<pre> Deborah }</pre>	
December 22	Mary Harrington	
July 19, 1772	Lydia Grout	1772
August 23	Dorothy Maynard	
	Margery Arnold	
December 13	<sup>⊕x</sup> Nathan and} Fay	
	⊕ <sup>x</sup> Persis }	
March 21, 1773	Elizabeth Fay	1773
	Susanna Brigham junior	
	⊕Jonathan Child	
	Eunice Child his Wife	
August 22	+Isaac and} Davis	
_	⊕+Anna }	
29		
	<pre> ⊕Esther }</pre>	
October 10	⊕Joseph and Esther Belknap	
	#Nathan and Sarah Townsend	
	Rebecca Stockwell	
	⊕Mary Godfry	
January 20, 1774	Abigail Kenny	1774
April 24	⊕#Eli Harrington	
September 24, 1775	Jonathan and Forbes	1775
•	⊕Sarah }	
	Daniel Chamberlain	
	⊕and Lydia}	
November 5	Solomon Bathrick	
January 12, 1777	Elizabeth Harrington junior	1777
March 16	Breck Parkman	1111

### Names of the Members

1778

James Miller &Mercy his wife

Hannah his wife

August 16 Ruth Buck

1779

Margery his wifeRebecca Nurse

1780

May 28 #Joseph Hardy and

• Lucy his wife

⊕Jabez Snow and

®Susanna his wife

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Samuel Thurston and

®Sarah his wife

August 27 Hannah, wife of Thomas Andrews

John Fay and Mehetabel his wife

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup>This appears to be an error, as the date is given as December 5 on p. 182 of the church records.

# of the Church

1780 October 1 Elizabeth Adams, wife of Daniel junior

1781 June 3 Nathan Kenney

®Simon Forbes and

Susanna his wife

September 30 Beulah, wife Benjamin Fay November 4 Sarah, wife of Caleb Harrington

1782 June 2 Lydia, wife of Seth Morse

Total 382

All the preceding were admitted to the Church during the Ministry of the Rev. Mr. Parkman. And the Following were admitted which the Church were destitute of a Pastor.

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Elizabeth his wife

1784 May 15 Mehetabel, wife Eli Lealand

Mindwell, wife of E. Entwishill

July 4 

Benjamin Ball and

⊕Lucy his wife

Esther his wife

Huldah Miller

Abigail Wheelock

# Names of the Members

1785		
October 16	⊕Phinehas Gleason	
	⊕Reahamah, wife of Thomas Frost	
	Antipas Brigham and	
	⊕Hepzebah, his wife	
1786		
April 16	<sup>®</sup> Edmund Brigham and	
	Elizabeth, his wife	
July 23	<sup>+</sup> Joseph Robbins and	
	<sup>+</sup> Eleanor, his wife	
	Catharine Broaders	
1787		
November 11	DOctober Josiah Brigham	
	Anna, wife of John Warren	
	<sup>®</sup> Prudence Hudson now Beman <sup>87</sup>	
		23
Received into the Church during Rev. Mr. Parkman's Ministry (a term of 58 years)		382
Between his and Rev. Mr. Robinson's Ministry (a term of 6 years)		
During Rev. M	r. Robinson's Ministry	99
Total Number	before the ordination of Rev. Mr. Rockwood	504

<sup>87&</sup>quot;now Beeman" was added later, as the intention of Prudence Hudson of Southborough to marry Abraham Beeman was not published until October 3, 1795; *WVR*, 172.

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# Directories and Forms, of Diverse Administrations

# I. The Celebration of the EUCHARIST

Dearly Beloved in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Our most Mercifull God and Compassionate Father knowing our infirmity, how prone we are to forget him, and the Love He has manifested to us in the bitter Sufferings of his Son for us; how destitute of Spiritual Life we are in our Selves; how Weak our Graces, hath in his infinite Wisdom and abundant Goodness to us instituted visible Signs of Communion with us and commanded us in a pure heart, unfeignedly to come up thereunto. For

Our Lord Jesus Christ that Same night in which he was betrayed took Bread And having Separated it from a Common, to an extraordinary, a Spiritual and Sacramentall He bless'd it. — Agreeable to the Institution, Command and Example of Christ This Element [laying the hand upon the Bread or taking up the Platter in which it is plac'd] otherwise ordinary and common is to be Separated to an holy use and Sanctifyed to the holy Ends and purposes of it by the words of institution and Prayer.

1 Cor. 11:23-24

1 Tim. 4:5

Let us Pray.

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When Our Lord had bless'd the Bread, he broke it. — [proceeding to the Break Say] And now the

1 Cor. 10:16 Rom. 5:8 Bread which we break is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ broken for us? For while we were yet Sinners Christ dyed for us. We should have been consigned over to Suffer the Wrath of God that was due to us for Sin: but God laid on him the Iniquities of us all: for all we have gone astray like lost Sheep; every one turning to his own way But Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our Sorrows; He was wounded for our Transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastizement of our peace was upon him And with his Stripes we are healed. He bare the Sins of many, was numbered with transgressors; He made his soul an offering for Sin, and poured out his Soul unto Death. Oh how he Lov'd us! And Behold what manner of Love the Father hath manifasted to us to give his only begotten Son to die for us! — Is there Such love among men, as that a man should die even for his Friend? But if for Such being a righteous and good man, once would Dare to die Yet while were Sinners and enemies Christ thought not his Life too dear for us and this commendeth the Love of God to us. —— xxxxxxxx

Isa. 53:4,5,6, 10,12 1 John 3:1

John 15:13, comp with Rom. 5:7,8,10

And when he had broken it he gave it to his Disciples and Said unto them take eat this is my body which is broken for you. In like manner by the command of Christ, beloved I give this unto you. Receive Ye and Eat Ye all of this Bread; — (This is his Body which was broken for you on the Cross.) This Do, feeding on him by Faith and in an humble and Reverent, in a Loving, thankfull and Obedient Remembrance of Him.

For the Cup

After the Same manner also he took the Cup [at the Same time taking hold of a Chalice, Tankard or Flaggon] And having Separated it as the Former He gave Thanks.

Let us imitate So blessed a Pattern.

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And when our Lord had given Thanks he gave it to them Saying This Cup is the New Testament in my Blood which is Shed for many for the Remission of Sins. Drink ye all of it and This do ye as oft as ye Drink it in Remembrance of me.

1 Cor. 10:16

Which, as He gave it to his Disciples, so, by his Special warrant and Precept, Dearly Beloved in our Lord Jesus Christ, I give it unto you. The Cup of Blessing which we bless is it not the Communion of the Blood of Christ? Receive Ye and Drink ye all of it with Devout and Suitable Affections; For as oft as ye drink it Ye do Shew forth the Lords Death until he Come.

After This They Sung an Hymn. ######.

The Benediction; in these words following; NOW the God of Peace that brought again from the Dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the Sheep in the Blood of the Everlasting Covenant make you all perfect in Every good way and work to do His will, working in you that which shall be well pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ to whom be glory in the Church throughout all ages, world without End. Amen

Heb. 13:20-21 Eph. 3:24

II. THE Solemnization of Matrimony

- 1. Receive the Certificat, Sign'd by the Town Clark.
- 2. Ask whether what they propose is by the Consent of their Parents? And whether there is any objection against so proceeding? None Appearing
- 3. Speak in some Such manner as This; "Inasmuch as all Relations are Sanctifyed by the word and Prayers, let us humbly and devoutly look up to God for his Presence and Blessing in the Affair before us."

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- 4. The Prayer ended Say to the man, "Take this Woman by the Right Hand.
- N. You take this person to be your wedded Wife: and you promise and Covenant before God and these Witnesses to live together according to the Precepts of Christ in the State and Relation of Marriage: to love her, to maintain, honour, and Comfort her in all Circumstances and Conditions, to perform (by the Divine assistance) all the Duties of this Relation, behaving your Self Soberly; and forsaking all others to cleave only unto her, approving your Self a loving and faithfull Husband till God Shall Separate you by Death." To which there shall be a Consent manifested. And then Address the woman; "Take this man by the Right Hand.
- N. You take this Person to be your wedded husband and you promise and Covenant before God and these witnesses to live together according to the Precepts of the Gospel in the State and Relation of marriage, to obey him, to love, honour, and Comfort him: in all Circumstances and Conditions to perform (by the aids of Grace) all the Duties of this Relation behaving your Self Soberly; and forsaking all others to cleave only to him; approving your Self an obedient and Loving, and faithfull wife till God shall Separate you by death."

To which she shall declare her Consent, upon which Say "I do then, by the authority committed to me, pronounce you husband and wife; according to Gods holy ordinance

and the Laws of this Province joined together and let no one put you asunder.

# III. The Baptismal Covenant.

[Marginal notation:] N.B. This was intended to have preceded the Last Form (viz., of the Solemn of matrimony.)

You profess a Serious and hearty Belief of the Christian Religion as contained in the Sacred Scriptures and as embraced by the people of God in this place; and repenting of what ever in you has been contrary thereunto in Time past you do now Solemnly give up your Self unto God in the Lord Jesus Christ according to his gracious Covenant.

You give up your Self unto the Lord <u>Jehovah</u>, who is the Father, the son and the holy Ghost as your highest Good and your only Portion: You give up your Self unto the Lord Jesus Christ (who is the Lord Jehovah) as your only Mediator and Redeemer, and receive Him as your Prophet, Priest and King for ever: You engage and resolve that by the Aids of Divine Grace you will conform your whole Lives to the Rules and Precepts of his holy word. In Pursuance of which Engagement you freely Submitt to the Laws of Christs Kingdom as they are administred among this his People promising herewithal that you will with all faithfulness endeavour after those more positive Evidences of your Regeneration as may encourage your approach to the holy Communion.

And hereby, in a Word, you do now own and renew your vow in Baptism <u>in</u> <u>Person</u>, which your Parents entered into in your Behalf.

When there has been a <u>Confession</u>
The Minister may add thus,

If you do unfeignly Confess your Sins & Transgressions, & do forsake them; may most gracious & mercifull who absolveth the penitent & heals the broken-hearted, have mercy on you and forgive you; may He grant you His all-sufficient Grace; and receive you to eternal Consolation, through Jesus Christ our Lord! To whom be Glory for ever.

Amen.

# Private Societies etc.

On [blank]th Day, of [blank] Anno A Family Meeting was Sett up in the Town.

On [blank]th Day of [blank] Anno a Meeting of Young Men was Sett up.

On [blank]th Day of [blank] Anno 1740 A Second Society of Young Men was Sett up.

Mary Bradish
Patience Forbush
Susanna Tainter
Bulah Warrin met together by themselves
Mary Gravers
Sarah Bellows
Ruth Bradish.

June 9, 1741. The Following Young Women met at my House to conferr with me, and receive Instructions, respecting a Catechetical Exercise, which (besides that which I had kept up for Children) they were willing to attend upon. Scil: Mary Bradish, Patience Forbush, Mary Greaves, Thankful Newton, Susanna Tainter, Sarah Tainter, Lydia Harrington, Sarah Bellows, Mary Newton, and Mary Parkman

These Consented to prepare them Selves to Say Three Answers of the Westminster Assemblys Catechism with the Proofs; and to wait upon an Exposition.

The First Exercise to be on the 15th Instance.

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June 15 was the First Catechetical Exercise: and there were added to the abovenamed Young Persons Jerusha Ward, Bulah Warrin, Susanna Grout, Mehitabel Grout, Lydia Hardy, Hannah Forbush, Dorothy Williams, Eliza Newton, Anna Rice, Hannah Maynard, Mercy Maynard, Zerviah Rice, Martha Coburn, Ruth Hicks.

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July 13 were added Miriam Fisk, Sarah Shattuck, Rebecca Hicks, Ruth Bradish, Mellisent Rice, Elizabeth Chamberlain.

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Baptisms on the North Side of the Town, viz., in the Second Precinct of Westborough —

April 21, 1745.

Eunice, of Jacob and Hannah Rice, by Reverend Mr. Goss.

Sarah, of Silas and Hannah Fay, by the Same, May 26.

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# Baptisms by My Hand otherwhere.

At Southborough, July 21, 1782. Having administred the Lords Supper to the Church, I administred The ordinance of Baptism to the Children Following, viz., to Ezekiel of Ezekiel and Ana Collins. Lyscomb, of John and [blank] Bellows. Daniel, of Mark and Abigail Collins. Stephen of Paul and Martha Newton.

At Marlborough, July 23, 1738. Mary, of John Stow. David, of Joseph Wheeler, and Sarah, of Daniel Ward.

At Southborough, April 1, 1739. Son of William Pierce.

At Grafton, July 19, 1741. Sarah, of Jedidiah Biglo. At which Time, with the Consent of the Church of Grafton, Amos Davis and Rebecca his wife ownd the Covenant.

At Marlborough Indian Land. January 10, 1741/2. Jonathan, Son of John and Dinah Weeks.

At Shrewsbury, December 18, 1743. Lavinia, of Daniel Johnson.

At Hopkinton, August 25, 1745. Hannah, of Josiah Burnam.

At Marlborough, September 15, 1745. Jason, of Samuel Sherman.

Southborough, June 19, 1743, I baptized the following Children

[blank] of James Bellows

[blank] John Fay [blank] Moses Fay [blank] Aaron Fay

[blank] Hezekiah Newton<sup>88</sup>

Southborough, November 3, 1744 [blank] son of Daniel Mathis. 90

At Worcester, December 30, 1744. Jotham, of Jotham Rice.

Worcester, February 23, 1745/6.
Martha, of Palmer Golding.
Uriah, of Daniel Wards.
Elijah, of Charles Davenport.
William, of Daniel Boiden.
Samuel, of Israel Jenison.
Hannah, of Jonathan Gates junior and Lucy, of Jonathan Eaton.

Worcester, August [blank] 1747. <sup>92</sup> [blank] of Ebenezer Flagg.

At Southborough, November 19, 1769. Caleb, of Ezra Newton. Huldah, of John Witherby. At Upton, December 1, 1748, a Child of Moses Wood and Asa a Child of Samuel Wood, their wives being members of the Church. At Upton September 10, 1749, Several Children were baptizd, viz., [blank]<sup>89</sup>

At Grafton, September 17, 1749. Lydia, of Abner How. Stephen of John Sherman. [blank] of Elijah Allen. [blank] of Moses Eager.<sup>91</sup>

At Sutton North-precinct March 22, 1752, a Child of William Wait.

At Hopkinton, May 20, 1753. Nathaniel, of James Wilson but the Child was presented by the Mother, the Father being under Distraction.

At Hopkinton, May 16, 1756. Stephen and Daniel, twin Children of Andrew Watkins.

Southborough, August 1, 1762. Lydia, of Nathan and [blank] Newton.<sup>93</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>88</sup>Parkman's diary for June 19, 1743 is not extant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>89</sup>In his diary entry for September 10, 1749, Parkman noted the texts on which he preached but did not mention baptisms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup>According to his diary, Parkman preached in Southborough on Sunday, November 4, 1744, but did not mention a baptism.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup>In his diary, Parkman noted that he "Baptiz'd 4 Children — viz. of Mr. Abner Stow, Mr. John Sherman, Mr. Moses Eager, and Mr. Abijah [sic] Allen." There is no Abijah Allen in the *Vital Records of Grafton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 1906). The Allen infant who was baptized may have been Sarah, dau. Elijah and Mary, b. June 25, 1749; ibid., 12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup>Parkman noted in his diary that he preached in Worcester on August 23, 1747 and "Baptiz'd a Child of Mr. Ebenezer Flagg."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>93</sup>Lydia, dau. of Nathan and Lydia Newton, b. July 25, 1762; *Vital Records of Southborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 103), 60.

Westminster, June 23, 1765. [blank] of Josiah Puffer. 94

Townshed, West part, October 26, 1766. Ezra and Rebecca, of Ezra and Agnes Whitney; the Children were presented by the mother dwelling in Fitchbourg, where there is no minister: The Father was gone to a great Distance off. It was testifyed by Several Witnesses that they had injoyed the like Privilege in Ashbournham, and She promisd before the Assembly to be faithful in their Education. 95

At <u>Ashby</u>, July 5, 1767. <u>Lydia</u>, Daughter of William and Lydia <u>Parkman</u>. The former is member of the Church in Westborough, the latter is Member of the Church in Medfield.

At Ashby [blank].

<u>Grafton</u>, August 23, 1767. Jonah, of Simon Brook[torn?].<sup>96</sup>

Southborough, May 21, 1769. Martha-Draper, of Hezekiah Fay.

Grafton, August 13, 1769. Elijah, of Aaron and \_\_\_\_ Kimbal.<sup>97</sup> Cyrus, of John Stow, and Anna, of Daniel Willard.

Northborough, September 1, 1771. Amos, of Lemuel Maynard. Northborough, September 12, 1773. Samuel of John and [*blank*] Gamwell.<sup>98</sup>

May 29, 1774. [blank] of [blank]. 99

July 10, 1774. Persis of John and [blank] Wyman. 100

At Hopkinton, May 14, 1775. Lawson, of Samuel and Hannah Haven.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup>Parkman did not mention a baptism in his diary. The infant may have been Jabez, s. Josiah and Mary Puffer, b. June 14, 1765; *Vital Records of Westminster, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 1908), 74.

began with Singing. I preached a.m. on Ps. 85.9 and 12. P.M. began again with Singing. Preached on Heb. 12.25. May God grant Success! I baptized two Children Ezra and Rebecca: presented by their mother Mrs. *Agnes Whitney* wife of Mr. Ezra *Whitney*, who are of Fitchbourg. The man is gone a great Journey, and the Family about to remove far up into the Woods. The Woman says they have been wont to enjoy this Privilege: that the late Rev. Mr. Trowbridge gave them a Certificat: that there were Witnesses that Rev. Mr. *Winchester* baptized a Child of theirs at *Ashburnham* by vertue of it. Accordingly Messrs. *Christian*, William *Whiteman* and *Jacob Schoff* (Germans) testifyed it before the Assembly. I made proclamation of it and repeatedly asked whether there was any Objection? There being none offered, I again asked whether there was any Objection against the Conduct of the woman? But there was none. I then Demanded of her, Whether She would promise to bring up the Children in the Way of true Religion etc.? To which She replyed affirmatively. After which I proceeded and baptized them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup>Jonah, s. Simon and Rachel Brooks, b. August 16, 1767; *Vital Records of Grafton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 1906),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>97</sup>Elijah, s. Aaron and Mary Kimball, b. August13, 1769; *Vital Records of Grafton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 1906),78.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>98</sup>Samuel, s. John and Elizabeth Gamwell, b. September, 6, 1773; *Vital Records of Northborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1850* (Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 1901), 34.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup>Parkman wrote in his diary that he preached at Northborough on May 29, 1774, but he did not mention a baptism.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>100</sup>Parkman preached at Northborough on July 10, 1774. Persis, daughter of John and Hazadiah Wyman, was born on July 5,1774; *Vital Records of Northborough*, 70.

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