

# News of Our Neighbors

## Births

Joseph and Hannah (Rogers) Atherton welcomed their daughter, Hannah, who was born May 16, 1731. Hannah joined her sisters Rebecca, 1 and a-half; Elizabeth, 4, and Mary, 9, and brother Oliver, 10.



enezer and Eunice Sprague named him Nathan.

Friends and family pray for the health of Solomon, born this year to Simon and Sarah (Farnsworth) Stone. Solomon is the ninth child in the family, but the only one living, eight other children born from 1714 to 1729, having predeceased him.

## Deaths

March 17, 1732, Mary Farnsworth, daughter of Jonathan and Mary, died at the age of 2 years 3 months.

Born of Elizabeth (Nutting) and John Burt in 1731, Sarah, who joined brothers William, 2, and James, 4.

Jonathan and Mary (Burt.) Farnsworth are proud to announce the birth of their fourth bundle of joy, Joseph, in January of this year. Joseph was welcomed by his three siblings, Betty (1729), Jonathan (1727), and Mary (1726).

Mercy, first child of Shadrach and Elizabeth (Wetherbee) Hapgood, was born this year on January 26.

Another first-born, a boy, entered this world May 21 and parents Eb-

## New Professionals

Phillip Fowler, M.D., has recently set up his practice in the Old Mill district and is accepting new patients on a cash or barter basis.

John Secomb of Cambridge, graduate of Harvard College class of '28, was called to the Harvard pastorate, where he will preach and write poetry, he said.

# The General Store

## FOR FREE

Wooden boards with semicircles cut into one edge. When adjoined to each other, the semicircles form holes. Perfect for stocks. Used only twice, for misdemeanors. [6/29]

Fence-building instruction. Offered by good neighbor. [6/29]

## FOR SALE

Used brooms, toads, eyes of newt. Shipment recently arrived from North Shore. [6/29]

Handmade day gown with bright red embroidered monogram on bodice. Slightly used. [6/29]

Libations. Available with proper identification and empty flask. Nightly behind McPhee's barn. [6/29]

## SERVICES OFFERED

Seamstress. Breeches mended. Bodices restitched. Flags a specialty. Contact B. Ross. [6/29]

Bloodletting. Sure to cure the body of disease. Dr. Horace Leech comes to Harvard each fortnight. Will barter. [6/29]

Need a witty aphorism or timely proverb to liven your conversation? Contact B. Franklin. [6/29]

Mediation. Solicitor available for counsel regarding marital spats, sibling rivalries, neighborhood jealousies, etc. [6/29]

Dear Jonathan letters. Experienced writer will pen correspondence releasing you from commitment to your betrothed. Perfect calligraphy and sensitive wording assured. [6/29]

Milkmaid. Young, blonde, buxom. Will work for room and board. God-fearing dairy farmers only need apply. [6/29]

Hardworking apprentices to help on your farm or in your trade. Indentured servants fresh from the boat. Minimum term seven years. Apply to New World Employment, Ltd., Boston. [6/29]

Healthy, adventurous young man will establish apple orchard on your land in exchange for hiking boots and backpack. J. Appleseed, Lancaster. [6/29]

Stone walls built, mended. You provide the stones. R. Frost. [6/29]

## SERVICES OFFERED

Upright, university-educated young schoolmaster seeks employment. Prefer town with heated schoolhouse and strong sense of the importance of education. Contract required. H. T. Anderson. [6/29]

## WILL SWAP

Bundling board, very slightly used, for sturdy cradle. [6/29]

## WANTED

Strong young men to defend our God-given land against insurgent Savages. Apply to garrison commander in Shabikin. [6/29]

Barrel staves. Contact J. Cooper. [6/29]

Tallow. Need large quantities. Contact A. Chandler. [6/29]

Farmland in Harvard. Must be cleared of stumps and rocks. Waterfront with view preferred. Will pay top shilling. [6/29]

Clerk. 78 hours per week in exchange for meals and room above general store. Able-bodied, God-fearing young man preferred. Must not smoke, drink, gamble, or attend dances. [6/29]

Widower seeks comely female to assist in the training of his three daughters in household chores. Leave word with Rev. Blackstone. [6/29]

Exhausted mother of 10 seeks wet nurse for newborn son. Contact M. Hubbard. [6/29]

Pelts. Will pay top price for pelts of animals that prey on livestock. Bear, 10 shillings; catamount, 50 shillings; wolves, 40 shillings; wild cats, six shillings. J. W. [6/29]

## MESSAGES

Going to Lancaster on Tuesdays? Cart pool with me and share expenses. Save on costly feed for your oxen as well as wear and tear on your ox cart. [6/29]

Save the date. August 20. Public whipping of three men found guilty of theft of an ox cart from the town barn. 50 lashes each. [6/29]

Ezra. Last night in the orchard was miraculous. Love surely is the greatest of all God's gifts. Yours, Rebecca [6/29]

# Recipe Box

This is at once food and medicine. Some people have very great faith in its efficacy in cases of chronic dysentery.

## Egg Gruel

pint new milk	whole nutmeg
four new-laid eggs	salt
best of loaf sugar	

Boil the milk. Beat the eggs to a light froth; add to the milk when it boils. Stir thoroughly but do not let the mixture boil. Sweeten with the loaf sugar and grate in a whole nutmeg. Add salt to taste.

## Calf's Foot Jelly

4 calf's feet	1/2 pound sugar
gallon water	6 egg whites
1 pint wine	juice of 4 large lemons

Boil the four feet in the gallon of water till the water is reduced to a quart. Strain and let stand till it is quite cool. Skim off the fat, and add the wine, sugar, egg whites, and lemon juice. Boil 8 to 10 minutes. Strain into glasses or jars. You may choose to lay a few bits of lemon peel at the bottom.

## Aunt Abigail's Tinctures, Balms, Elixirs, & Powders

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