



MATTHEW PATTEN HOUSE.

THE DIARY  
OF  
MATTHEW PATTEN

OF BEDFORD, N. H.

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FROM SEVENTEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR TO  
SEVENTEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT

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and assistance in the affair of James Smith and me And I paid Doctor Parker 6/6 being his charge for what he had done for our Susannah of her money and 1/3 for what he did for my Wife and I settled my note with Col Lutwyche I had 8/5 allowed me out of Capt Parkers Estate and I paid him 11/ 4-5 which paid up the note and I came home

18<sup>th</sup> I made a new handle to our Spade and made a pole to fish at the ponds

19<sup>th</sup> I got James Orr to make two hoops for our great Kittle one of them was my iron the other was Sheds and he made part of a chain for my Canoe of my iron and writ a deed from Alexander McCalley to his son Alexander and I took the acknowledgement unpaid 2/

20<sup>th</sup> I Recd the Melancholy news in the morning that General Gages troops had fired on our Contrymen at Concord yesterday and had killed a large number of them our town was notified last night We Generay met at the meeting house about 9 of the Clock and the Number of twenty or more went Directly off from the Meeting house to assist them And I came to Sheds and James Orr made me a great wheel Spindle of my Steel and he mended the Ear of a little kittle and finished the chain for my canoe he found iron for near a quarter of the chain the rest was mine And our John came home from being down to Pentucket and intended to Sett off for our army to morrow morning and our Girls sit up all night bakeing bread and fitting things for him and John Dobbin

21<sup>st</sup> our John and John Dobbin and my bror Samuell two oldest sons sett off and joynd Derryfield men and about six from Goffestown and two or 3 more from this town under the comand of Capt John Moor of Derryfield they amounted to the No of 45 in all Smkook men and two or three others that joined them marched in about an hour after they to 35 there was nine more went along after them belonging to Pennykook or thereabouts and I went to McGregores and I got a pound of Coffie on Credit

22<sup>d</sup> I was wakened in the morning by Mrs Chandlers comeing with a letter from the Comitee of the Provincial Congress for calling another Congress of the Province inmeadeately and I went with it as fast as could to John Bells but he was gone to our army and both the others allso and I went to Robert Alexanders and got 4 bushell of Rie on Credit and took it to Capt Moors mill and got it ground and I had it the Toal and I had 1/2 a bowle of Tody at McGaws for which I paid 1/4 Lawful

24<sup>th</sup> my neck was so stiff that I could not do anything with a cold I had got

25<sup>th</sup> I went and notified on the River Road to meet at the meetinghouse in the afternoon on our publick Distress and I went to Col: Goffes to ask his advice and met toward evening and acted on what we thot necessary and my Brors jos helped me with their 3 pair of Oxen to cross plow

26<sup>th</sup> I went at the desire of the town to Col Goffes and Merrills and MacGregores and Cautioned them to take Special care of Strangers and persons Suspected of being Torys Crossing the River to Examin and Search if they judge it needful and I got a pound of Coffie and nine flints from MacGregore for which I paid him 11/8 Bay old tenor

27<sup>th</sup> Was the Province Fast by the Governors Proclamation

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