

The Diary of Joshua Hempstead

Notes relating to the **Hartshorn** family

- (10) May 7, 1712 **Hartshorn** came to See us.
- (15) Sep 15, 1712 Sister **Lucy** hath a son born.
- (16) Oct 10, 1712 Brothr **Hartshorn** came to see us.
- (28) Sep 12, 1713 Sister **Lucy** is Come to Town.
- (28) Sep 29, 1713 Brothr **Hartshorn** is come to our house.
- (33) Mar 1, 1714 Brother **Hartshorn** came.
- (34) May 7, 1714 Brothr **Hartshorn** Came down.
- (37) Aug 12, 1714 Brothr **Hartshorn** come to our house.
- (37) Aug 13, 1714 I was with Brothr **Hartshorn** viewing tobakconomak farm.
- (38) Sep 10, 1714 Brothr **Hartshorn** & Sister **Lucy** came down from Coventry.
- (43) Feb 24, 1715 Brothr **Hartshorn** hath my horse to Hartford & Coventree.
- (45) Apr 26, 1715 I dd to Brothr **Hartshorn** 1 hhd Rum. 109 gall between Derro & 1 Equal. He also Recd 1 hhd more of Samll Edgcumbs. He hath pd £6 more to Samll E & **Hartshorn** ye Rest wch I have pd.
- (45) Apr 27, 1715 Brothr **Hartshorn** & Sister **Lucy** & yr Children went away wth Ebe Johnson for Norwalk...
- (46) Jun 6?, 1715 I paid unto Peter Mason £3 for acctt (Brother **Hartshorn**) five pound Bill baring date april 1715.
- (48) Aug 11?, 1715 Brother **Hartshorn** Come to town....
- (50) Nov 4, 1715 Brothr **Hartshorn** came to see us. Is gone to Boston.
- (57) Jun 29, 1716 Brothr **Hartshorn** Come here. He pd C. Darrow & I all that was due to us.
- (70) Nov 16, 1717 Brothr **Hartshorn** he is Come to my house going to boston.
- (102) Oct 27, 1720 I got brother **Hartshorns**. Sister **Lucy** hath 5 Sons (vizt) **Joshus, Janathan, Benjamin, Samll & William**. I Stayd till fryday noon or aftern a Set out alone back for N haven.
- (141) Mar 26, 1724 I have Sent Three Pound in n: York money by Brother **Hartshorn** to buy Bevar furr to be Sent p ye first but none is yet Come. Nor nothing for it al is lost & gone he died 6 feb 1746/7
- (148) Oct 21 1724 I bot of Jno **Hartshorn** 10. Pr of Gravestones. 1. Small foot Stone is wanting. Price for [] Pound & I am to pay uncle **Hartshorn** all the money as fast as I can make mony of them. To get him .1. bb blue fish if I can Send to [Nor]wich. If I can get 2 bbs he will Take them.
- (173) Aug 18, 1726 I Sent 50lb of wool by michel Rood to **Mr Jno Hartshorn** at Norwich.
- (182) Apr 29, 1727 I got freeholders appointed to Divide & Set out the part or Share of Land belonging to Patience & **Lucy** my 2 youngest Sisters according to the order of the Court of Assistance in May 1707.
- (186) Jul 14, 1727 I dd to **old Mr Hartshorn** 62½ of wool. I am to send it up to Norwich to Whitneys.
- (213) Oct 7, 1729 Richd Pendall is come here from Maryland in the County of Sissell. He lives near **Brother & Sister Hartshorn**. He Says they were well last march.
- (276) Jul 16, 1734 I wrote a Letter to **Brother & Sister Hartshorn** ny Nathll Saltenstall who is bound for Maryland.
- (320) Jun 13, 1737 I Sent a Letter to **Brother & Sister Hartshorn** by J. Dehortee.
- (356) Sep 27, 1739 I have agreed with Samll Edgcumbe & Capt Ebenr Avery that the pay me £100 in one year and & one £100 more the 2d year and one £100 more the 2 year. No Interest on Consideration of my Right in the Norwich farm wch I bought of my Sisters Mary. & patience & **Lucy**.
- (388) Jan 20, 1742 **Brother Hartshorn** is Come down fro Norwich.
- (396) Jul 20, 1742 I wrote a Long Letter to Send to Mary Land to kinsman **Hartshorn**.
- (411) Jun 30, 1743 I went to See **Brother Hartshorn** att his **Brother Davids** about 4 mile. I breakfasted there & Stayed out a Showre about ½ an hour.

(412) Jun 20, 1743 ...**Brother Jont Hartshorn** is Come from Norwich. Hath been there Some time.

(415) Sep 12 1743 Brother **Hartshorn** Come from Boston.

(415) Oct 1, 1743 Brother **Hartshorn** Come from Norwich.

(416) Oct 8, 1743 Brother **Hartshorn** is gone to [...].

(417) Nov 4, 1743 Brother **Hartshorn** Came from Norwich yesterd.

(424) Apr 19, 1744 Brothr **Hartshorn** here.

(425) May 1, 1744 Brother **Hartshorn** is gone.

(483) Jul 1, 1747 I recd a Letter from Thos **Hartshorn** my **Sister Lucys** youngst Son Dated June .8. which gives an acct of the death of my Brother in law **Jont Hartshorns** Death, on the 17th day of february last after about 3 days Sickness. Maryland Siscill County Susquehannah Hundred.

(520-525) Jun 12 to Jul 4, 1749 Joshua Hempsted Jorny to Mary land &c. his Jornal.

Mond June 12h. I am preparing for my Intended Journey for Mr Winthrop to Gov Belcher att Burlington. & if plesed God I gett well there then for Maryland to Seek my youngest Sister **Lucy**. I have Recd of Capt Joseph Colt a Letter & a purse of Gold Contents unknown to me & a bundle of Paper Mony Sd to be £30. I also put into my Baggs a Leather purse with I pound & 7 ounces of Silver by my Still yards, & took with me in my pocket for Expences in the Colony Bills old Tenr £5 9s 6d. & brot home 28s. Ex. £4 1s 6d.

Tuesd .13 fair. I Set out with Ms Chapman wife of Lt Jer Chapman &c. I Lodged at Mr Graves's at E. Guilford. in the morn Crossed ye way to visit Ms French at mr meggs's & then to Guilford to br fast at Johnsons. ye woman was Daughter of Lt. John Morgan Late of Groton Decd. I left Ms Chapman wth her Son Stephen & I Stood away to Branford & Stopt & Dined at mr Jeroms & yn to N. Haven. Stopt to visit Mr Curtiss & Mr Pierpoint. also at Rectors Mr Clapp & Stood away to Mr. Shermans 3 1/2 Mile from ye Courthouse or College there & Lodgd.

Thursd 15 fair & hot. I Rid to Milford to brfast &c att Mallits, waited on the Gouverneur Law & Majr Eells & Stood along to Stratford & thro Stratfield & Dined at fairfield & got to Norwalk in ye Eve & put up at ye Wid Streets & went to Speak with Mr Brown &c.

fryday 16 fair. in ye morn I went to visit Capt Comstock & Spent ye foren wth Mr Brown & Dined at Mrs Streets & Mr Brown Rid with me to his Daughter Browns Rebeckah & yn Set out alone to Stanford & got to Horse Neck before Night & Lodged art Justice Lockwoods &c. he is Blind.

Saturd 17 fair. in the morn I Set out for Capt Lyons at Byram River who is very Ill with a Consumption. 1. had the York Post in Company. he overtook me here & wee Rid together to Rye & tho Rye & New Rochel a dreadfull Rocky Country. wee oated att Buds at Marineck & Dined at the Kings Bridge 14 or 15 mile from New York, & oated att the halfway house & got to N. Y. about 6. a Clock & put up at the horse & Cart, the Widow Waghorns &c.

Sund 18 fair & Exceeding hot. I went to Mr Pembertons Meeting in the foren but ye House being very large (& I Somthing harder of hearing by Reason I washt my head in cold water in the morning.) I could hear but very Little & being dull & heavy I Stayed at my quarters in the aftern.

Mond. 19 fair & hot. I went into Town to mr Souths the Lawyer & he was from home. however I Left 4 dollers with his Son to Retain him for Mr Winthrop, or to be Returned in case he dont Accept them. I also Spake wth Mr Murry but he would not accept of a Retayning fee. I wrote a Letter to mr winthrop to give him acct of my bad Success &c & in the aftern I Set out for Elizabeth Town & got to ye ferry boat by the fort & by the Sallutation where was the Philadelphia Post. Daniel Ballard of Tren Town & mr Lawrence of N. York & others & wee waited for ye Tide untill .10. at night & then Set of for Statten Island & but little wind. wee got over to Coombs about 2 or 3 Clock. no oats to be had & Moon light. wee Stood along on Statten Island 6 or 7 mile & Caled up the ferryman art Mr Ant-e Waters att Elizth Town point & ferryd over a narrow 6d ferry before Sunrise & I rid 2 mile further to the Tavern at Eliza Town & oated &c.

Tuesd 20 fair & hot. before my horse had Eat his oats the post & Company came along & Rid by Slowly & I soon overtook them & wee Jogd on to Woodbridge (Through Rawaway) and break fasted at ye man & horse, a wealthy man & Trader & Traveled thro Wood-bridge to Brunswick on Rarriton River. a fine Compact Town, the head of Navigation. May Ride over at low Tide thence westward Midlesex County on the East & Sumerset County on ye west. the Road Divides the County to Kingstown. wee Dined at Wm Woods (in Sd Kingstown formerly of Hempsted an aged

man between 60 or 70, & then Traveled through Prince Town, & Maidenhead. a fine Inland Country Large fields of wheat & good Soil. wee got to Trent Town by night & Rid 58 mile by ye post accot, wee lodged at William yards, a fine Town & near to Delaware River. fine Stone buildings & a fine River & Intervals medow &c-here Lived & Dyed ye famous Govr Morice in a large house a fine large brick House belonging to Govr Thomas, 1 mile from ye Town &c.

Wednsd 21 fair & not Quite So hot as before, wee Set out in ye morning (vizt) ye Post & Daniel Lawrence & Soon Crossed the River Delawar which parts the Jersey Government from Penselvania. the ferry here is the upper End of Navigation it being Rocky (& called the falls.) within Sight of the Road & wee Soon came into a Thick Wood called the Seven mile wood, & belongs to I of the family of Penn's. this wood abounds with black oak Trees very Tall but not very Large & much Hickery that which wee call Walnut, & here is on this Side ye River Much old England Wall-nut in divers places near the River Especially & near ye River the Soil is good & further along Shallow. wee passed by many fine farms, the People are Reaping their wheat & Cradling of Rye in a Genll way. wee came to Bristow 12 Mile to Breakfast at the Widow Jacksons & here the post & I parted, he & Mr Lawrence took the Road to Philadelphia & I crossed the River again to Burlington. a negro man ferryman. I put up at Jonathan Thomas's a friend near the Courthouse, about 10 or 11 Clock and after Dinner I waited on Govr Belcher & DD my Letters &c. Was Civily

Courteously Entertained, & he told me 3 men were waiting on business & to morrow morning at 9 o'clock he would attend on my affair &c.

Thursd .22. Some Rain in the morning & Evening about an hour. I waited on Govr Belcher at 9 & he told me ye Secrytary lived 12 mile of & Since I was going further West I might leave my business wth Mr Seater-good & he would get it all finisht against my Return & accordingly I did.

frvd 23 fair. about 8 or 9 I Set of for Philadelphia & my Landlord mr Jonathaan Thomas Rid with me on the Jersey Side a few miles to Set me in the Right path. I Traveled about 5 miles to a River called ancocas a few hours & thick wood & Shallow land. I Crossed the River called [] & Rid thro another Wood very thick 3 or 4 mile now & then a house & Some fields of wheat & Rye & corn &c Midling but poor oats. not $\frac{1}{4}$ of a Crop. plenty of fine Cherrys by the Road Side. I called & oated & had very good Beer 6d a pot at Aurthur Bonadels, he Says he has a Brothr yt is a Lt. in Milford. this place or village is Called moors Town, but Rightly Rod-mans Town. Clark Rodman of Newport had 600 & odd acres here on which the old Doctor his father built a house, but it was burnt down by firing the woods. Sd Clark Sold it for about 20s p acre & now in Less yn 20 years is worth £4 P acre & vt which Joyns to the Road that Runs tho it is worth £4 p acre. I Traveled a few Miles through Waterfield Bounds a Town not very Big Called Huttonfield but very good Brick houses here. I Stopt & Refres'ht my Self & horse & then Traveled to ye ferry over Delawar to Philadelphia & put up at Wm Biddles the Son of the Indian King. I caryed my watch to Benia Bagnels & had a New .Mainspring & cleaned. 2 dollers & 6d. I dd my Letters &c.

Saturd 24 fair. in the foren I dd my mony that I brot from Capt Jos Colt & D Gardner a purse of Gold & £30 N york mony. I went to Timothy Scarffs in the morning & Delivered him Son Starrs Letter to Receive 15s but got none. he Says he paid it to Rise. In the aftern I Set out for Chester. I crossed a ferry & went thro Derby & got there before dark & put up at the Sign of ye plow & harrow, an old woman 74 & a man about 40 I Suppose an Irish man & a Dutch woman. She was rich & he young. I beleive he is a Roman.

Sund 25 no Presbyterian meeting here & ye Chh minister is gone to pr at another place, a fine Town Courthouse Church & fine Stone buildings & also Brick & lyes on Delawar River. in the Evening I Rid 6 or 7 mile that I might not have too long a Journy next day.

Mond 26 fair till late in ye aftern a Smart Thunder Showre p haps an hour or 2. I Set out Early in the morning & Traveled through Chester County uneven Land & Rocky about 10 or 12 mile to wilmington to break- fast having Crossed Brandywine Bridge over a Small River that Runs above 100 mile into the Country about a mile from Willmington & as much from Christeen ferry, here is a fine Town a Market-house & Several Topsail vessels at ye wharffs fine Br houses & above all abounds with Intervall medow on both Sides of the River Christians they Say 2 or 3000 Acres & on the South Side over against ye Town they keep the water out of it by Damms & Raise Indian corn oats hemp flax & Barly as well as Grass Exceeding Rich. here I met with J Chandlee a clock maker a man belong- ing to Notingham & was going home (after a little Stay.) he lives within about 5 mile of **Hartshorns**. I gladly Joyned his Company & wee Traveled together & aftern got to

Ogle Town & Rid through a Scattering Town called Newport & Sometimes left ye P[] at Ogle Town. I went to the house of ye old Widow Lucas where Lives the Young Widow Daughter Solomon Coit for whom I Carryed a Letter & dd it &c & whilst I was there came along Peter Douglass Son of Cuzn Wm Douglass Decd but he would not know me altho I told him who I was & the Relation yt was between us & also that I married him to Lydia ye Daughter of Cuz. Ben fox Deed. he acknowledged that he was Son of William Douglass & yt he lived at Col- chester near ye grt Pond & had a Brother John & Joshua, but having a wife & children here would not own he had one & children at New London & So wee parted & I Rid along With my companion a Clockmaker & late in the aftern came up a Smart Tunder Showre & wee put in to a Irish cribb house & pulld of our Saddles & Staid the Showre over. much Rain. the Rain drove the men & weomen (10 or dozn of them) out of ye field where they were Reaping into the house & being wet within Side as well as without their Tonges Run like mill clocks. & haveing an Irish brogue on their Tongue I could understand but little they Said & after the Rain was over wee Stood along to ye clockmakers house in Notingham in the Evening by daylight & no body being at home he told me he would go with me but bid me Stand along a plain Road. & Soon a young man whome he Sent overtook me & went with me to my kinsman where I arived about 8 a Clock & found my Sister & her 2 Sons Jonathan & Thomas & her Daught'r **Lucy** all well to my great Comfort in Every Respect both of a Temporate & Spiritual Nature (Excepting that my Sister hath lost her memory is Something disordered in her Reason but is Quiet & orderly & takes a little Care of Some perticular things but her Daughter orders the family and very prudently.

Tuesd 27 fair. I Taryed at my kinsmans a week & was one Day of it Invited to a Reaping & both my kinsmen with me at Mr James Denorritees an Irish [man] that formerly was at my house & brot Letters & Carryed one to whom I Sold a Horse &c. very well Entertained after the Country manner in Cribb houses a Dozen or more all Irish but wee. one Day this week Cuzn Jonathan Rid with mee to the ferry over Susquahannah River about 6 mile S W nearest, about 2 mile from the mouth of ye River is the ferry & the River Seems to be about as wide as N. L. River is at the harbours mouth by Harris's & it Runs a long way into the County but is not navigable but about a mile further by Reason of Rocky Caled falls. afterward wee went to See the Iron works where they Runn Piggs for To make barr Iron off. A great old building, it goes by a River that Runs into the Bay. a Coave come up here about 2 or 3 mile N E of the mouth of the River. there is 30 piggs now Cast yt Ly hot in the Sand as they are Run out of a hole in the bottom or Lower End of the furnace in this form |--|--|--|--| the Large Bellows 2 pr go by water & the fire goes not out after it is once blown up untill the Season of ye year comes about, the furnace I Suppose is 20 foot high or more & is fed with oar & Coal &c at the Top as if it were the Top of a Chimney all put in there, there they bring in Horse Carts the oar the Coal & oyster Shels & there Stayd two men Day & night, the Top of ye furnace is about breast high from the floor where they Stand to Tend it & ye flame Jets out Continually 15 Extinguisher by the oar Coal & Shels as they feed it. Each Couple Tend 24 hours in which time they Run or Cast twice, they have Small Baskets that hold about a peck & half & they put in a Cart in number of Baskets full of oar & a Certain Number of Baskets of Coal and a Certain Number of Baskets of oyster Shels. all in Exact Proportion and as the materials Consume below in the furnace they filled up at the Top & out of the Bottom beside the Iron yt is drawn off near a Day there is vast Quantities of Glass that Runs out Every now & then & is Tough & hangs together like an ox Hide & they dray it away with such a hook as the Tanner pull up hides with & when it is Cool is as Brittle as any other Glass & they Cart it away & bestow it in waste places to mend the Cartways & Dams Even as Small Stones. (there is one man besides the 4 that Tend by Course that is Constantly breaking the Rock oar Small with a Large hamer or Sledge) which Lyes like a little hill near the Coave where it is Landed out of the Large Boats Something bigger than our ferry Boat. the Storehouse is Strong & good. the Cole house large & poor & old, as also the Barn & Stable & most of the buildings Especially over the furnace. from hence wee went to Charles Town which Lyes on ye Bay Northwest about a mile S W from the head of Sd Bay at which there is a village that wee did not go to at the head of Northeast but Stayed a good while at Charles Town. here is a New Town & Lyes well on ye Bay for Trade but the water is Shallow not more than two fatham at highwater, quite a Cross a mile or 2 over & up to ye head here is one Long wharff well builded & a good Storehouse for goods & Weights & Scales for Tobacco & Presss for it also, & Some few Pretty good buildings of Brick but most of wood & mean. I went to the house of Mr Bellamie & dd a Letter to his wife which I brought from

Horse Neck in Connecticut from her father Justice Lockwood. it is about 6 or 7 mile from hence to Cuzn **Hartshorns** Triangular More Sward & Eastward. very poor Soil most of what I have Seen today, the Bay Called here at Charlestown Northeast is an arm of the Sea.

July 2d Sunday I went to meeting with my **2 Nephews Jonat & Thomas** to Notingham old Presbyterian meeting house where **Brother Hartshorn** & his Sons were buried, about 5 mile. the ministers name is John Steel a Irishman & So are the greater part of the people, a Large old house, no workmanship no gallarrys, the New Light party have an other house they go to where mr Samuel finly preacheth & is less yn a mile further they Say, but he is gone to preach to day to a village 4 or 5 mile further that he preaches to every 3d Sabath. the minister & people here are very modist in their apparel & in their houses mostly Log houses Cribb fashion the Soil is mostly good & good fields of wheat, the Timber Large & good.

Mond 3d Rain in the afternoon, a Smart Showre. I was fitting up for my Journey home. I went with Cuzn Thomas to view his plantation a little above a mile of 100 & odd acres, but late bot it & dont Improve it yet. ye old Tennant is Still there where I was last week at Charlestown in the Northerly Side of Maryland. the head of the Bay called Northeast Comes by it. this Bay is an arm of the Salt Sea that comes in by virginia 300 Mile S W from hence Several Leagues over in most places, it Lves N E & S W nearest & leaves a great arm or Neck of Land on the S E Side Near the Sea & Many large Towns. the whole breadth of Maryland Crosseth this bay by an East and west line & virginia also art the Southerly End of this Neck. the great Rivers of Susuahannah near the head of it Emptys it Self on to this Bay, as also Potomek James's River & Charles River & all on the N W Side of Sd Bay & there is the post Road to anopolis & virginia & North Carolina &c.

Tuesd 4 fair. I Set ont for home between 9 & 10 having taken my Last farewell of my **Sister Lucy**. her **2 Sons & Daughters** all Came with me to a Tavern about 5 mile. a fine Brick house .Mr Mitchels hard by Nottingham Quaker meeting house, which hath been lately burnt down & now Enlarged. the Bottom of Stone is Laid. I left **Lucy** here & took leave of her at Ms Mitchels. my **2 Nephews** Rid further Intending to Stop at Ms Mitchels fathers Justice Galchel a New England man from Marvelhead a friend but he was from home & I did not Stop, & took leave of my **2 Nephews** also & So Journeyed alone to Ogletown and got there about 4 in the aftern & Dined there with Ms Lucas & her Daughter the widow of Ivory Lucas Decd. they Entertained me very Bountifully. I oated my horse at ye Tavern close by. I Stayed here till after 6 & Recd a Letter & c for Mr Sol Coit. here are mostly wooden houses Cribb fashion & old, those that are newly built the logs are hewed & framed handsomely & now & yn a Brick house, here is good many houses & as thick as hog neck or there abouts, after 6 in the afternoon I Set out from Ogletown for New Castle & having Rid about 2 mile in a very fine Level Road, I came to a Clump of very fine brick houses a Dozn or more & Several Taverns & is a place I Suppose of much Business at times, it is ye head of Christeen Creek ye End of Water Carryage from Delawar River. here are 2 Sloops Lying dry at lowwater, a River Runs in a Bridge over it. a plain Road many fields first & then a Wood & the land thin & I got into New Castle by 8 & put up by the ferry at Ezekiel Bags.

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