A CHRONOLOGY OF EDWARDS' LIFE AND WRITINGS

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This chronology of Edwards's life and times is based on the dating of his early writings established by Thomas A. Schafer, Wallace E. Anderson, and Wilson H. Kimnach, supplemented by volume introductions in *The Works of Jonathan Edwards*, by primary sources dating from Edwards' lifetime, and by secondary materials such as biographies. Attributed dates for literary productions indicate the earliest or approximate points at which Edwards probably started them. "Miscellanies" entries are listed approximately in numerical groupings by year rather than chronologically; for more exact dating and order, readers should consult relevant volumes in the Edwards *Works*. Entries not preceded by a month indicates that the event in question occurred sometime during the calendar year under which it listed. Lack of a pronoun in a chronology entry indicates that it regards Edwards.

1703
October 5: born at East Windsor, Connecticut

1710
January 9: Sarah Pierpont born at New Haven, Connecticut

1711
August-September: Father Timothy serves as chaplain in Queen Anne's War; returns home early due to illness

1712
March-May: Awakening at East Windsor; builds prayer booth in swamp

1714
August: Queen Anne dies; King George I crowned
November 22: Rev. James Pierpont, Sarah Pierpont's father, dies

1716
September: begins undergraduate studies at Connecticut Collegiate School, Wethersfield
1718  February 17: travels from East Windsor to Wethersfield following school “vacancy”

October: moves to New Haven to continue studies in newly built Yale College, but shortly returns to Wethersfield upon dissatisfaction with tutor Samuel Johnson

November: returns to New Haven after being in East Windsor

1719  June 24: returns to New Haven from East Windsor after Johnson’s departure

Wipes “Of Insects”

Suffers bout of pleurisy during last year of college

1720  May: completes baccalaureate degree

September: delivers Valedictory Oration

October 3: begins graduate studies at New Haven

1721  Summer: conversion experience at East Windsor

Wipes “Of the Rainbow,” “Of Light Rays”

Begins “Natural Philosophy,” “Of Atoms,” “Of Being,” “Prejudices of the Imagination”

1722  May: completes graduate studies

June: Father Râle’s (or Graylock’s) War begins

June 14: returns home from New Haven

August 2: leaves East Windsor for New Haven en route to New York City

August 10: arrives at New York City to begin preaching to English Presbyterian congregation

September: Yale College Rector Timothy Cutler and tutors make public their conversion to Church of England

Begins “Resolutions,” “Diary,” “Catalogue of Books,” and “Miscellanies”
March 15: Rev. Samuel Pierpont, Sarah Pierpont's brother, drowns in Connecticut River
April: New York City pastorate ends
May 1: returns to East Windsor
May 18: returns to East Windsor after a week's journey to Norwich, Connecticut, and "towns thereabouts"
June 8-9: at Boston
June 15: back in East Windsor
June 23: at Boston
June 25: back in East Windsor
July-August: prepares Master's Quaestio
September: delivers Quaestio at New Haven, receives M.A.; begins "The Mind"
October: writes "Spider Letter," begins "Notes on the Apocalypse"
November 11: agrees to settle as pastor of Bolton, Connecticut
Writes "Apostrophe to Sarah Pierpont"
"Miscellanies" aa-94

January: begins "Notes on Scripture"
May 21: elected tutor at Yale College, leaves Bolton before end of May
First week of June: journeys to New Haven to begin tutorship
"Miscellanies" 94-146

May: begins "Beauty of the World"
Summer: at East Windsor
September-December: illness, convalesces at North Haven and East Windsor

December 15: Father Râle's (or Graylock's) War ends
December: begins "Table to the Miscellanies," "Christ's Example"
1726
April-July: preaches intermittently at Glastonbury, Connecticut
Mid-summer: returns to New Haven
August 29: asked by Northampton church to assist Solomon Stoddard
September: resigns tutorship
October 26: begins preaching as probationer at Northampton
November 21: Northampton votes to give £100 salary, £300 to build house, and 50 acres of land

1727
February 15: ordained at Northampton as assistant pastor
July 28: marries Sarah Pierpont in New Haven
August: King George I dies; King George II crowned
October 29: earthquake in evening

1728
January: begins "Faith"
August: begins "Images of Divine Things," "Signs of Godliness"
August 25: daughter Sarah born

1729
February 11: Solomon Stoddard dies; Edwards becomes senior pastor
Feb. 13: funeral for Stoddard, with William Williams preaching
April-May: illness, travels to New Haven
June: suffers physical collapse
July: resumes preaching
August-early September: people of Northampton build Edwards a "Good Large Barn"
December 22: sister Jerusha dies of "malignant fever"
1730
January: begins "Discourse on the Trinity"
April 26: daughter Jerusha born
October: first entries in "Blank Bible"
"Miscellanies" 455-487

1731
January: "Miscellanies" beginning at no. 488
March: Hannah Graves names Northampton church member Eleazar King the father of her child; King is fined; they marry in October
May 7: purchases "Negro girl named Venus" for £80 in Newport, R.I.
July 8: preaches Boston lecture, later published as God Glorified in the Work of Redemption
First Wednesday in October: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Westfield
Salary increased to £140

1732
February 13: daughter Esther born
April 11: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Hatfield
September 5: earthquake at noon
October 3: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Springfield
Salary increased to £200

1733
January: "Miscellanies" 612
April 11: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Hadley
June: preaches in Boston
October 9: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Springfield
December: preaches at East Windsor
"Miscellanies" beginning at no. 625

1734
January 19: Ebenezer Hunt's hatshop burns
January: journeys to Boston, accompanied by Deacon Allen's son
April 7: daughter Mary born
April 16: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Sunderland
August: preaches *A Divine and Supernatural Light*, thereafter published
October 8: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Suffield
November: "Miscellanies" 668
December: Connecticut Valley revivals begin

1735
March 24: in Boston to deliver public lecture; visits Timothy Cutler
March 25: Thomas Stebbins unsuccessfully attempts suicide by cutting his throat
April 8: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Springfield
June 1: Joseph Hawley, Sr., commits suicide by slitting his throat
August: joins opposition to Robert Breck's ordination at Springfield
Late August: treaty with Indians signed at Deerfield establishing mission at Stockbridge
September-October: travels to New York City, New Jersey, and Long Island to improve health
November: vote passed to build new meetinghouse

1736
January: Bernard Bartlett is whipped and fined for slandering Edwards; Robert Breck is ordained at Springfield
February: preaches at Springfield
February 10: Grandmother Esther Warham Mather Stoddard dies
March 16: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Deerfield
January 26: salary £200 plus improvement of half of sequestered lands
August: several members of Edwards family at Windsor afflicted with distemper, as well as Sarah Pierpont Edwards; "Miscellanies" 698
August 21: sister Lucy dies of "throat distemper"
August 31: daughter Lucy born
September 16-27: new meetinghouse raised

October 12: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Enfield

November 6: completes short account of late revivals, published as appendix to William Williams’ *Duty and Interest of a People*

November 17: preaches ordination at Lambstown

Fall-winter: Joseph Bellamy comes to study with Edwards

1737

January: Preaches in Portsmouth, N.H.

February 11: salary £300 plus use of half of sequestered land

February: preaches at Springfield

March 13: Northampton meetinghouse gallery falls

March 21: visits Rev. Stephen Williams at Longmeadow to confer about printing reply regarding Breck controversy

April 26: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Northampton

Late June-early July: preaches at Portsmouth, N.H.

July 11: visits Longmeadow

July 21: spire raised on new meetinghouse

August 23: in Springfield

October 8: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Hatfield

October: visits New Haven

November: visits William Diodate at New Haven

December 7: earthquake at 11 p.m.

December 25: new meetinghouse dedicated

Publishes *A Letter to the Author of the Pamphlet Called An Answer to the Hampshire Narrative* (co-authored with brother-in-law Samuel Hopkins of West Springfield)

*A Faithful Narrative of the Surprising Work of God* published in London
January 26: voted salary of £250 plus improvement of half of sequestered land

March: Northampton votes to build a town house for precinct and court sessions (completed 1739)

April 18: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Longmeadow

April-October: preaches Charity and Its Fruits (published 1852)

May 5: old meetinghouse pulled down

May: Sarah Pierpont Edwards goes to Boston, stays at Benjamin Colman’s

July: Mrs. Bridgman admonished for drunkenness

July 25: son Timothy born

September 15-16: in New Haven to attend Yale commencement; dines at Rev. Joseph Noyes’ on 15th, visits college library on 16th

September 19: Ebenezer Hunt’s Northampton hatshop burglarized by Samuel West, who is caught and branded

October 10: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Westfield

October: "Miscellanies" 756

Late October-early November: ill (Boston ministers’ preface to FN, dated Nov. 4, hopes that the “author may be restored to health”)

December 4: £50 added to salary

Publishes Discourses on Various Important Subjects

Corrected edition of Faithful Narrative published in Boston

February: "Miscellanies" 788

March-August: preaches History of the Work of Redemption (published 1774)

May 2: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Northfield
May 24: preaches lecture in Boston
May 25: dines at Joshua Gee's in Boston
May 28: meets with Timothy Cutler in Boston; lodges at Rev. Ebenezer Parkman's of Westborough
June 12: Noah Cook, Stephen Wright, and Ebenezer Pomeroy chosen deacons
July: delivers lecture at New Haven
July 22: Mrs. Bridgman excommunicated at Northampton for drunkenness
August 19: three new deacons ordained at Northampton
August: "Miscellanies" 807
October 9: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Northampton
November 26: voted salary of £220 plus improvement of half of sequestered land
Winter: "Miscellanies" 832
1740
January: "Miscellanies" 841
March: measles epidemic; several Edwards children ill
April 1-2: Sarah Pierpont Edwards lodges at Parkman's of Westborough en route to Boston
April 8: attends Hampshire Association meeting at West Springfield
April 14: preaches funeral sermon of Rev. Nehemiah Bull at Westfield
May 7: preaches ordination sermon of Edward Billing at Cold Spring
June 15: Fifteen-man Northampton church committee appointed to assist in "matters of difficulty"
June 20: daughter Susannah born
July 20: Hannah Pomeroy admonished for breach of Ninth Commandment
August: "Miscellanies" 847

September 3: travels to Longmeadow to see cousin Eunice Williams, the "unredeemed captive"

September: attends Yale commencement

October 17-19: George Whitefield preaches in Northampton; Edwards accompanies him as far as East Windsor

October-November: controversy over public access to Northampton "inner commons"

November: Preaches at Hadley; "Miscellanies" 859-860

November 25: in New Haven to execute will of Mrs. Mary Pierpont, Sarah Pierpont Edwards' step-mother

December: writes "Personal Narrative" in reply to request from Rev. Aaron Burr

"Latter end": all of the Edwards children have measles

1741

January 20: voted salary of £280 for previous year

January 21: preaches ordination sermon of Chester Williams at Hadley

April 7: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Deerfield

April 14: attends Ebenezer Devotion’s funeral at Suffield and delivers lecture at West Suffield

April 15: delivers evening lecture at Second Church, Hartford

May: "Miscellanies" 862

July 1: delivers mid-week lecture at Longmeadow

July 5: conducts sacrament service at Suffield, admits 97 to full communion

July 6: preaches in private home in Suffield to 200 people; rides to East Windsor to hear Revs. Benjamin Pomeroy and Eleazar Wheelock preach
July 8: preaches *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God* at Enfield, published shortly thereafter

August 1: preaches at Hadley in morning

August 24: Hannah Pomeroy excommunicated

August 26: preaches at Sunderland

August-September: “Miscellanies” 874; awakening peaks in Northampton

September 2: preaches funeral sermon of William Williams of Hatfield, published as *The Resort and Remedy of Those That Are Bereaved by the Death of an Eminent Minister*

September 10: delivers *Distinguishing Marks of the Work of the Spirit of God* at Yale commencement, published shortly thereafter

Late September: *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God* advertised as “just published” in Boston newspaper

October 14: preaches at Enfield

November 23: Ebenezer Gay arrives prior to examination

November 24: participates in Hampshire Association meeting at Northampton that examines Ebenezer Gay, who leaves afterwards for Deerfield

November 26: Ebenezer Gay returns to Northampton and leaves following day

Late November-December: preaching tour

December 19: Samuel Hopkins arrives to study with JE; "Miscellanies" 903

December 22-23: attends fast at Suffield

December 31: preaches at Suffield

January 13: attends Ebenezer Gay’s ordination at Suffield
January 19-February 4: Sarah Pierpont Edwards experiences series of religious ecstasies, afterwards undergoes treatment for "hysterical original"

January 25: leaves for eastern Massachusetts as visiting preacher

January 27: supply preacher Samuel Buel arrives at Northampton and renews awakening until after Edwards returns home

January 28-29: preaches at Leicester

February 1: preaches in Sutton

February 2: preaches at Westborough

February 3: starts return to Northampton; preaches at Worcester

February 10: voted salary of £350 in "bills of credit" plus wood and improvement of half of sequestered land

March 4: in South Hadley to confer about ordaining new minister

March 16: covenant renewal at Northampton

March 23: dines, accompanied by Sarah Pierpont Edwards, at Ebenezer Gay’s in Suffield

March 28: preaches in morning at Newington, Conn.

March 29: preaches in afternoon at Farmington, Conn.

March 30: preaches in morning at Waterbury, Conn.

Late March: Hopkins leaves to be licensed

April 1: lodges with Sarah Pierpont Edwards at Suffield

April: preaches in Boston (Sarah Gill Diary)

April 21: attends ordination of John Woodbridge at South Hadley

Late April/early May: in New Haven

May-end of summer: Hopkins comes back to study
May 11: Hampshire County church delegates meet at Northampton on “the present religious Circumstances of the Land,” issues *A Copy of the Resolves of a Council of Churches* (Boston, 1742)

May 17: Sarah Pierpont Edwards sets out for Boston

May 18-19: Sarah Pierpont Edwards and Yale freshman John Searle lodge at Parkman’s of Westborough en route to Boston

May 19: preaches “stated lecture”

May 26: Sarah Pierpont Edwards in Boston

May 29-31: Sarah Pierpont Edwards and Searle lodge at Parkman's of Westborough on return to Northampton

June: "Miscellanies" 991

June 20: preaches in morning, Jonathan Judd in afternoon

June 22: arrives at Suffield with other Hampshire County ministers

June 23: attends day of fasting and prayer at Suffield

June 24: returns to Northampton

June 25: “Mr Edwards preached again to Day in publick” (Hopkins Journal)

June 30: preaches “stated lecture” in afternoon; Job Strong preaches at night

June 31: preaches at Suffield

July 18: Samuel Hopkins supplies Northampton pulpit all day

August: travels to eastern Massachusetts area, probably Boston; on return home, asked to preach at Concord

August 22: at Suffield

August 31: at Suffield

Fall-Winter: writes *Some Thoughts Concerning the Present Revival of Religion in New England*
September 25: arrives at Ebenezer Gay’s house in Suffield
September 26: preaches in West Suffield
September 27: delivers lecture at Suffield
September 28: ill at Ebenezer Gay’s house in Suffield
September 29: leaves for Northampton
October 12: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Longmeadow
October 20-21: lodges at Parkman’s of Westborough en route to Boston
October 24: Samuel Hopkins preaches in afternoon at Northampton
           “wholly without notes”
October 27: at Shutesbury to attend ordination of Abraham Hill
December 8: John Lyman’s house burns, two children killed
Begins sermon series (apparently ending in 1743) eventually published
           as Treatise Concerning Religious Affections
1743
January 11: salary £300 plus wood and improvement of half of
           sequestered land
February 15-17: at Westfield to hear disciplinary case of exhorter
           Bathsheba Kingsley
March 6-7: James Davenport in New London
March 15: Some Thoughts advertised as available
March 25: in Lebanon at sister Abigail Edwards Metcalf’s
End of March: Some Thoughts published; Edwards leads council of
           ministers in New London to "reclaim" people incited by James
           Davenport
Mar. 31: preaches lecture at New London “against ye prevailing
           disorders & destractions”
April 5: lectures at Jeremiah Leavitt’s home in Suffield
April 27: in Suffield to assist in dispute in West Society
May 9: daughter Eunice born
May: journeys to Boston with daughter Sarah to attend ministerial convention; en route, talks with Thomas Clap about Whitefield
June 8: preaches ordination sermon for Jonathan Judd in Southampton, published as *The Great Concern of a Watchman for Souls*
June 12: Samuel Danks excommunicated for fornication
June 20-21: at Longmeadow and Somers to confer about testimony on recent revivals for Assembly of Pastors to meet in Boston
June 30: attends fast at Pelham for choosing new minister
Mid- or late July: visits Norwich, stays at Col. Huntington's
September 6: returning from Yale commencement, lodges with Jonathan Judd at Mr. Leavenworth's of Waterbury
October 8: John Walley and Samuel Buel arrive at Edwards parsonage
October 9: preaches morning and evening on covenant of 1742
October 10: hikes with Walley and Buel to the top of Mt. Tom
October 12: Walley and Buel depart
October 18: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Somers
October 19: travels to Suffield with Stephen Williams and former Suffield resident John Woodbridge at behest of Hampshire Association to resolve ongoing dispute
November 2: Northampton precinct votes to give public access to inner commons for ten more years, after which land is to revert to proprietors
November 22: voted salary of £350 plus improvement of half of sequestered land
1744
February 1-2: travels to Suffield
March: King George's War begins; "Bad Book" hearings begin
April 17: attends Hampshire Association meeting at West Springfield
Hopkins lodge at Parkman's of Westborough
June 3: "Bad Book" culprits Oliver Warner and Timothy and Simeon
Root make public confession before church
July 27: daughter Jerusha in Boston; visits Benjamin Colman
August 30: preaches ordination sermon for Robert Abercrombie at
Pelham, published as *The True Excellency of a Minister of the Gospel*
October 9: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Westfield
November 8: salary £350 plus wood and improvement of half of
sequestered land
"Miscellanies" 1067-1069
March: Cape Breton expedition; Edwards proposes town fix a
permanent salary; preaches in Springfield
May 26: son Jonathan born
June 17: Louisburg taken after 47-day siege
July: Prince Charles Edward Stuart enters Scotland and raises army
July 15-17: Whitefield visits Northampton
October 2: Esther Edwards and Elihu Lyman lodge at Parkman's of
Westborough en route to Boston
October 9: attends Hampshire Association meeting at Hatfield
December 6: salary £350 plus wood and improvement of half of
sequestered land
Publishes *Copies of Two Letters Cited by The Reverend Mr. Clap* and *An Expostulary Letter from the Reverend Mr. Edwards*
March: Illness in Edwards parsonage; two daughters sent medicine by
Joseph Pynchon of Springfield

March 9: Thomas Wait objects to the charges of fornication with
Jemima Miller and of falsehood brought against him

May 14-15: Sarah Pierpont Edwards and Maj. Pomeroy's grandson
lodge at Parkman's of Westborough en route to Boston

May: watchtowers built in Northampton against attacks

June: Religious Affections published; French fleet sailing from Brest
bound for Canada is struck by epidemic and hurricanes

August 19: French and Indians take Ft. Massachusetts; Edwards
parsonage "forted in" and quartered with soldiers

August 25: Indian raiding party attacks near Southampton

September 19: preaches ordination sermon of Samuel Buel at East
Hampton, Long Island, published as The Church’s Marriage to
Her Sons, and to Her God; probably attended by daughters Esther
and Sarah

October 27: French fleet at Nova Scotia sails back to France

October 28: attends Hampshire Association meeting at South Hadley

November 3: daughters Esther and Sarah still at Easthampton, Long
Island

December 10: salary £500 plus wood and improvement of half of
sequestered land

Spring: Missionary candidates Elihu Spencer and Job Strong reside at
Edwards parsonage

April: hearing of fornication case against Thomas Wait

May: French fleet bound for Louisburg is defeated by Admiral Warren

May 6: daughter Elizabeth born
May 28: David Brainerd arrives in Northampton

June 9: Brainerd and Jerusha Edwards leave for Boston

June 11: Brainerd and Jerusha Edwards dine at Parkman’s of Westborough en route to Boston

July 21: Brainerd, brother Israel, and Jerusha Edwards lodge at Parkman’s of Westborough on return to Northampton

July 25: Brainerd and Jerusha Edwards return to Northampton

August 27: Indian raiders kill Elisha Clark of Southampton

October 9: Brainerd dies at Edwards parsonage

October 12: preaches Brainerd's funeral sermon, published (in Dec.) as True Saints, When Absent From the Body, Are Present With the Lord

October: An Humble Attempt to Promote Explicit Agreement and Visible Union of God’s People in Extraordinary Prayer published

Nov. 11: preaches ordination sermon of Joseph Ashley at Sunderland

Autumn: begins work on Life of David Brainerd

December 25: voted permanent salary of £600 plus wood and improvement of half of sequestered land

1748

January: Northampton courthouse burns

February 14: daughter Jerusha dies

March: voted permanent salary of £700 plus wood and improvement of half of sequestered land

May: civil settlement given to Martha Root for maintenance of Elisha Hawley’s illegitimate child; Indian raid at Southampton causes inhabitants to abandon town till winter

May-August: numerous Indian raids on frontier

Mid-June: Sarah Pierpont Edwards goes to Boston to care for ailing John Stoddard, stays at Edward Bromfield’s
June 19: John Stoddard dies at Boston
June 26: preaches funeral sermon of John Stoddard at Northampton, published as *A Strong Rod Broken and Withered*
July 26: 15-man Northampton church committee appointed to oversee church "order and purity" and "trial and judgment" of cases
Summer: "Miscellanies" 1101
September 14: in New Haven
September 17-19: dines at Hartford and visits and preaches at East Windsor with Joseph Emerson
September 19-20: travels to Charles Pynchon's at Longmeadow and lodges at Samuel Hopkins' of West Springfield
October 18: Treaty of Aix la Chapelle signed, ending war in Europe
Nov. 9-14: Joseph Emerson lodges at Edwards parsonage to court (unsuccessfully) daughter Esther for marriage
December: completes *An Account of the Life of the Late Reverend Mr. David Brainerd*; young man from Northampton asks to be admitted to church, but declines after seeing profession Edwards writes for him
February or March: Mary Hulbert asks to be admitted to church, but church committee refuses to proceed due to Edwards' new opinion
Mid-April: Samuel Buell visits
Early May: John Brainerd visits
May: £170 added to salary
June 29: council of ministers meets to hear grievances between Northampton church and Elisha Hawley
Mid-June-September: daughter Mary at Portsmouth, N.H.
Mid-June: leaves for Portsmouth, N.H., via Worcester and Concord
June 28: preaches ordination sermon of Job Strong at Portsmouth,
published as *Christ the Great Example of Gospel Ministers*
Early July: leaves Portsmouth, stops at Boston, returns to Northampton
via Worcester
July: Elisha Hawley excommunicated
August: *An Humble Inquiry into the Rules of the Word of God* published
Sept. 2: appears before Northampton Justice Timothy Dwight to give
deposition about competency of Warham Mather of New Haven
October 17: treaty signed with eastern tribes, ending French and Indian War
December 26: preliminary council meets to consider controversy
between Edwards and Northampton church
Winter: "Miscellanies" 1118
February 7-8: second council meets to consider controversy between
Edwards and Northampton church
April 8: son Pierpont born
June 11: daughter Sarah marries Elihu Parsons of Northampton
June 19: final council meets to consider controversy between Edwards
and Northampton church
June 22: dismissed as pastor of Northampton
July 1: preaches *Farewell Sermon* (published 1751)
July-November: preaches on supply basis at Northampton
August: begins preaching as a candidate at Canaan; journeys and
preaches as far south as Middletown before going to Boston area
August 4: completes preface to Bellamy’s *True Religion Delineated*

August 21-22: Edwards, sister Martha, and Rev. Moses Tuttle lodge at Parkman’s of Westborough en route to Boston

August 30-31: Edwards, sister Martha, and Rev. Moses Tuttle lodge at Parkman’s of Westborough on return from Boston

Early September: travels to New Haven

September 9: preaches forenoon sermon at Wethersfield; stops in Middletown en route

September 14: stops in Middletown on return home

September: Joseph Bellamy’s *True Religion Delineated* published, with preface by Edwards

October: preaches in Stockbridge and Longmeadow

October 30: Samuel Hopkins goes to Stockbridge to “stir up” the inhabitants to call JE

November 8: daughter Mary marries Timothy Dwight of Northampton

December: preaches in Westfield against Separatism

1751 January 3: lodges at Samuel Hopkins’s house in Housatonnuck on way to Stockbridge

January-March: preaches in Stockbridge

February 22: called to settle as minister of Stockbridge

March: "Miscellanies" 1180

March 31: preaches in Northampton

April-May: apparently partly spent in travel, at least to Boston (in company with Timothy Dwight) and to Kittery; in Newbury on April 23

May 6-7: lodges at Parkman’s of Westborough on return from Boston
May 16: council convened in Northampton to advise on forming a second church, with Edwards as pastor

June 12: visits Parkman's of Westborough, journeying from Boston to Stockbridge

June 17: returns to Stockbridge

early July: attends conference with Indians held at Albany

Aug. 1: back in Stockbridge to preach fast day sermon

August 8: formally installed as pastor to English and Indian congregations at Stockbridge

August 10: Indian commissioners arrive at Stockbridge for conference

August 13: Mohawks arrive at Stockbridge for conference

Sept. 2: leaves Stockbridge for Northampton

Sept. 20: returns to Stockbridge

October 10: daughter Esther lodges at Parkman's of Westborough

October 13: preaches at Northampton

October 18: family moves to Stockbridge

February: Edwards' Northampton house sold; Gideon Hawley arrives at Stockbridge to teach Indian boys

April: preaches at Longmeadow en route south, possibly for visit home

May 26: preaches lecture at Northampton

June 15: Thomas Stebbins of Northampton commits suicide by throwing himself down a well

June 29: daughter Esther marries Rev. Aaron Burr at Newark, N.J., with Sarah Pierpont Edwards attending

Late July: preaches at Windsor

August: "Miscellanies" 1200
Late August: travels to Newark to visit Burrs; preaches to students of College of New Jersey

Summer: *Misrepresentations Corrected, and Truth Vindicated* published

September 28: at Newark, preaches *True Grace, Distinguished From the Experience of Devils* (published 1753) to Presbyterian Synod of New York

October: Sarah Pierpont Edwards, Sarah Edwards Parsons, and Elizabeth Edwards ill

November 22: Col. Joseph Dwight of Stockbridge submits report to Massachusetts General Assembly to turn Edwards out of post

December: preaches at Sheffield

Winter: daughter Esther Edwards Burr ill

February: Indian boys’ schoolhouse burns under mysterious circumstances

March 14: writes last will and testament

Spring: son Timothy journeys to Newark to prepare to matriculate at College of New Jersey, and contracts smallpox in April; Waumpaumcorse, a Schaghticoke Indian, is murdered at Stockbridge by two English horse thieves

April: completes first draft of *Freedom of the Will*

May: preaches at Windsor

June 4: visits East Windsor

June 6, 10, 13: preaches at Northampton

June 16: Mohawks end treaty with British

Mid- to late June: preaches at New York

October: preaches at Boston

November: preaches at Sheffield
Late November-early December: at Northampton
"Miscellanies" beginning with no. 1227

December: contingent of Mohawks leaves Stockbridge

1754

Last week of January: visits Bellamy in Bethlehem, Conn., to discuss his call to the Presbyterian Church of New York City
February: Seven Years' War begins; Edwards given sole charge of Indian schools at Stockbridge by chief donor Isaac Hollis
March: nearly all the remaining Indians leave Stockbridge;
"Miscellanies" 1277b
March 19: visits John Ballentine at Westfield
March 28: preaches for ordination of Edward Billing at Greenfield

Early April: travels to East Windsor
May: Timothy Woodbridge and Gideon Hawley leave to minister among the Six Nations
June: preaches in Northampton
July: beginning of long period of ill health, lasting about a year, including "fits," "agues," and "scorbutic maladies"
Summer: Edwards parsonage fortified and quartered with soldiers against fears of Indian attacks
September 1: Schaghticokes kill four in a raid on Stockbridge
December: Freedom of the Will published; two Englishmen whipped at Stockbridge for desecrating Indian grave to get scalp for bounty

1755

February 11-13: reads recently completed End for Which God Created the World to Bellamy and Hopkins; The Nature of True Virtue completed before February 1757 (published 1765)
Mid-April: son Jonathan leaves on mission to Onohquaga, N.Y., with Gideon Hawley (returns January 1756); daughter Lucy visits Mary Edwards Dwight at Northampton

April 22: lodges, with one of his sons, at John Ballentine’s of Westfield en route to East Windsor to visit sisters; suffers fall from horse

April 30: lodges at Ballentine’s of Westfield on return to Stockbridge

May 1: lodges at Ballentine’s of Westfield with one son

May 8: lodges at Ballentine’s of Westfield with two sons

May: preaches at Northampton

July: Crown Point expedition begins

July 9: Gen. Edward Braddock’s forces defeated at Monongahela River in western Pennsylvania, with Braddock among the dead

August 11: lodges at John Ballentine's of Westfield

August 19: dines, with one daughter and “Sir Baker,” at Ballentine’s of Westfield

September 1: Stockbridge attacked by Indians; four English killed

September 8: English victory at battle of Lake St. Sacrament (Lake George); Elisha Hawley among those killed

September 15: reports that two Edwards children are ill

September 20: at Burr's home in Newark, N.J., to attend College of New Jersey commencement

September 27: sets off with Burr to attend Presbyterian synod in Philadelphia

Oct. 1: Synod commences at Philadelphia

Oct. 4: arrives with Burr at Newark

October 5: preaches at Newark

October 7: sails for New York with the Burrs
October 12: sails from New York bound for Stockbridge
November 18: earthquake between 4 and 5 a.m.

1756
February 17: dines at Ballentine’s of Westfield
Late February-early March: spends two weeks visiting Windsor and
West Springfield
April 22: lodges at John Ballentine’s of Westfield with Sarah Pierpont
Edwards and Capt. Sheldon
July 3: preaches at ordination of Cornelius Jones at Sandisfield
August 10: French take British forts at Oswego
August 30: daughter Esther Edwards Burr arrives in Stockbridge
September 7: Sarah Pierpont Edwards leaves to stay in Northampton
for about a month to help daughter Mary Edwards Dwight with
new baby, Erastus
September 22: daughter Esther Edwards Burr leaves for home
October 6: dines and lodges, with Sarah Pierpont Edwards, at
Ballentine’s of Westfield
Early October: visits East Windsor and Northampton; preaches at
Hadley
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1757
May: completes Original Sin
June: visits East Windsor and Boston
June 6: lodges at Ballentine’s of Westfield
June 13: meets Gideon Hawley in Springfield
June 15-16: lodges at Parkman’s of Westborough with Gideon Hawley
August: Aaron Burr visits Stockbridge
August 9: Ft. William Henry on Lake Oswego falls
September 24: Rev. Aaron Burr dies; Lucy Edwards comes to Newark thereafter

September 29: trustees of College of New Jersey write to offer presidency

October 6: visits John Ballentine in Westfield

Autumn: unspecified illness

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1758

January 4: council convened at Stockbridge releases Edwards from pastorate

January 27: father dies

February 16: assumes office as president of College of New Jersey

February 23: inoculated for smallpox

March 22: dies of complications from inoculation

April 7: daughter Esther Edwards Burr dies

July 31: Sarah Pierpont Edwards and son Jonathan visit Stephen Williams at Longmeadow

October 2: Sarah Pierpont Edwards dies of dysentery in Philadelphia

September: *Original Sin* published

1759

July 25: estate inventoried and probated