


THE MELVIN FAMILY OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS¹



MELVIN. John Melvin was here about 1700; and had, by his wife Margaret, Eleazer, and David, noted in the French War; the latter married Mary Farrar 1716.²

1.  James Savage. A GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARY OF THE FIRST SETTLERS OF NEW ENGLAND, SHOWING THREE GENERATIONS OF THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE MAY, 1692, ON THE BASIS OF FARMER'S REGISTER. WITH TWO SUPPLEMENTS IN FOUR VOLUMES. Boston, 1860-1862

[WARNING: Although the files of genealogy in the Kouroo database began with the text of James Savage, it has proven to be necessary to extensively modify and supplement these records — and they no longer can be relied upon to read exactly as found in the abbreviated notations of Savage's 1860-1862 volumes. For the original text, please consult the Internet version of the Savage files.]

2. [Lemuel Shattuck's 1835 A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;...](#) Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry David Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study.)



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1652

In about this year, John Melvin (1) was born in Fife, Scotland. He would get married with Hannah Lewis, daughter of John Lewis and Mary Browne Lewis, born in about 1655. He would be a “Taylor” in Charlestown MA and a private under Captain Joseph Sill in the company that in 1676 would march to Packchouge and camp for the night in a large wigwam. In 1681 he would purchase a house in Charlestown for £38. In 1684, John Melvin (1) and Robert Melvin would each be paying the first rate as members of the Scots Charitable Society of [Boston](#) (1st charitable organization in New England). Hannah Lewis Melvin would die on May 23 (27?), 1696 at the age of 41 in Charlestown after bearing seven surviving children and then John Melvin (1) would promptly remarry, with Margaret Shamesbury in Boston, and produce two more children. John Melvin (1) would die on August 21, 1726 in [Concord](#).

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In [Concord](#), [Simon Willard](#) was again deputy and representative to the General Court.

In the previous year [Simon Willard](#) had gotten married for the 2d time, with Elizabeth Dunster, possibly in England, but she had quickly died. This year he got married for the 3d time, with Mary Dunster (December 1630–December 1715), not his 2d wife’s sister but a daughter of Robert Dunster and Mary Gerrett Dunster of Concord, in Lancaster in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

- Mary Willard Stevens, born on September 7 or September 27, 1653, who would get married on January 22, 1672 with Cyprian Stevens and die in 1685.
- Benjamin Willard, born in 1664, who would die in 1732.
- Henry Willard, born on June 4, 1655.
- John Willard, born on January 12 or during February 1656/57.
- Daniel Willard, born on December 29, 1658.
- Joseph Willard, born on January 4, 1661.
- Hope Willard, born on December 23, 1663 in Lancaster.
- Benjamin Willard, born during 1665.
- Hannah Willard, born on October 6 or October 12, 1666, who got married on May 23, 1693 with Captain Thomas Brintnall of Sudbury, who would be the final surviving child of her father and would die after 1706.
- Jonathan Willard, born on December 14, 1669, who would not survive.
- Elizabeth Willard, who would not survive.
- Dorothy Willard, who would not survive.

**ESSENCE IS BLUR. SPECIFICITY,
THE OPPOSITE OF ESSENCE,
IS OF THE NATURE OF TRUTH.**



THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1655

In [Concord](#), Robert Merriam was deputy and representative to the General Court.

Hannah Lewis was born, daughter of John Lewis and Mary Browne Lewis. She would get married with John Melvin (1).

[THE MELVINS OF CONCORD](#)

[Major Simon Willard](#) was promoted to command all the military forces of Middlesex County.

**ESSENCES ARE FUZZY, GENERIC, CONCEPTUAL;
ARISTOTLE WAS RIGHT WHEN HE INSISTED THAT ALL TRUTH IS
SPECIFIC AND PARTICULAR (AND WRONG WHEN HE CHARACTERIZED
TRUTH AS A GENERALIZATION).**



THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1679

August 29, Friday (Old Style): John Melvin (2) was born in Charlestown MA to John Melvin (1) and Hannah Lewis Melvin and would be baptized on February 13, 1681 — two weeks after his mother was admitted of the church.

THE MELVINS OF CONCORD

“HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE” BEING A VIEW FROM A PARTICULAR POINT IN TIME (JUST AS THE PERSPECTIVE IN A PAINTING IS A VIEW FROM A PARTICULAR POINT IN SPACE), TO “LOOK AT THE COURSE OF HISTORY MORE GENERALLY” WOULD BE TO SACRIFICE PERSPECTIVE ALTOGETHER. THIS IS FANTASY-LAND, YOU’RE FOOLING YOURSELF. THERE CANNOT BE ANY SUCH THINGIE, AS SUCH A PERSPECTIVE.



THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1681

August 15, Friday (Old Style): Hannah Melvin was born in Charlestown MA to John Melvin (1) and Hannah Lewis Melvin, and would be baptized on August 21, 1681. She would marry with William Bothrel in Charlestown; the couple would have 5 children.

THE MELVINS OF CONCORD

**YOUR GARDEN-VARIETY ACADEMIC HISTORIAN INVITES YOU TO CLIMB ABOARD A HOVERING TIME MACHINE TO SKIM IN METATIME BACK ACROSS THE GEOLOGY OF OUR PAST TIMESLICES, WHILE OFFERING UP A GARDEN VARIETY OF COGENT ASSESSMENTS OF OUR PROGRESSION. WHAT A LOAD OF CRAP! YOU SHOULD REFUSE THIS HELICOPTERISH OVERVIEW OF THE HISTORICAL PAST, FOR IN THE REAL WORLD THINGS HAPPEN ONLY AS THEY HAPPEN. WHAT THIS SORT WRITES AMOUNTS, LIKE MERE “SCIENCE FICTION,” MERELY TO “HISTORY FICTION”:
IT’S NOT WORTH YOUR ATTENTION.**



THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1683

June 23, Saturday (Old Style): Robert Melvin was born in Charlestown MA to John Melvin (1) and Hannah Lewis Melvin. This infant would be baptized on January 20, 1684 (1863, Old Style).

THE MELVINS OF CONCORD

**THE TASK OF THE HISTORIAN IS TO CREATE HINDSIGHT WHILE
INTERCEPTING ANY ILLUSION OF FORESIGHT. NOTHING A HUMAN CAN
SEE CAN EVER BE SEEN AS IF THROUGH THE EYE OF GOD.**



THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1686

March 20, Saturday (1685, Old Style): James Melvin was born in Charlestown Massachusetts to John Melvin (1) and Hannah Lewis Melvin.

THE MELVINS OF CONCORD

HISTORY'S NOT MADE OF WOULD. WHEN SOMEONE REVEALS, FOR INSTANCE, THAT THIS INFANT WOULD GET MARRIED IN 1712 WITH MERCY HOBBS, IN BOSTON, S/HE DISCLOSES THAT WHAT IS BEING CRAFTED IS NOT REALITY BUT PREDESTINARIANISM. THE RULE OF REALITY IS THAT THE FUTURE HASN'T EVER HAPPENED, YET.



THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1688

May 29, Saturday (19th, Old Style): Jonathan Melvin (1) was born in Charlestown MA to John Melvin (1) and Hannah Lewis Melvin, and would be baptized on June 3, 1688. On February 28, 1714 he would get married in [Concord](#) with Sarah Hartwell, who had been born in Concord on July 28, 1694, daughter of Ebenezer Hartwell and Sarah Smeadley Hartwell. In 1724 Jonathan Melvin (1) would purchase a strip of land adjoining the farm of Sarah's brother John Hartwell in Concord. Jonathan Melvin (1) would die on February 11, 1736 in Concord, bequeathing his sword to his fourth son and a gun to each of his sons John Melvin (2) and Jonathan Melvin (2).

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**“NARRATIVE HISTORY” AMOUNTS TO FABULATION,
THE REAL STUFF BEING MERE CHRONOLOGY**



THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1690

October 29, Wednesday (Old Style): David Melvin was born in Charlestown MA to John Melvin (1) and Hannah Lewis Melvin, and would be baptized on November 2d, 1690. He would get married with Mary Rediate Farrar, who was born in [Concord](#) on March 8th, 1696, daughter of Jacob Farrar and Susanna Rediate Farrar, on February 8th, 1716 in Concord. The couple would have 10 children. David Melvin would be a cooper in Rutland, Massachusetts. He would die on November 17th, 1745 and then in 1749 his widow Mary Farrar Melvin would remarry with John Edwards of Acton, Massachusetts.

[THE MELVINS OF CONCORD](#)

NEVER READ AHEAD! TO APPRECIATE OCTOBER 29TH, 1690 AT ALL ONE MUST APPRECIATE IT AS A TODAY (THE FOLLOWING DAY, TOMORROW, IS BUT A PORTION OF THE UNREALIZED FUTURE AND IFY AT BEST).



THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1695

February 17, Sunday (1694, Old Style): Benjamin Melvin was born in Charlestown Massachusetts to John Melvin (1) and Hannah Lewis Melvin, and would be baptized on February 24th.

THE MELVINS OF CONCORD

“MAGISTERIAL HISTORY” IS FANTASIZING: HISTORY IS CHRONOLOGY



THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1696

May (23? 27?): Hannah Lewis Melvin died at the age of 41 in Charlestown MA after bearing seven surviving children.
During this same year her widower John Melvin (1) would remarry, with Margaret Shamesbury in [Boston](#).

THE MELVINS OF CONCORD

**LIFE IS LIVED FORWARD BUT UNDERSTOOD BACKWARD?
— NO, THAT’S GIVING TOO MUCH TO THE HISTORIAN’S STORIES.
LIFE ISN’T TO BE UNDERSTOOD EITHER FORWARD OR BACKWARD.**



THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1703

June 28, Monday (Old Style): Eliazer Melvin and Margaret Melvin were born in [Concord](#) to John Melvin (1) and his 2d wife Margaret Shamesbury Melvin.

[THE MELVINS OF CONCORD](#)

THE FALLACY OF MOMENTISM: THIS STARRY UNIVERSE DOES NOT CONSIST OF A SEQUENCE OF MOMENTS. THAT IS A FIGMENT, ONE WE HAVE RECOURSE TO IN ORDER TO PRIVILEGE TIME OVER CHANGE, A PRIVILEGING THAT MAKES CHANGE SEEM UNREAL, DERIVATIVE, A MERE APPEARANCE. IN FACT IT IS CHANGE AND ONLY CHANGE WHICH WE EXPERIENCE AS REALITY, TIME BEING BY WAY OF RADICAL CONTRAST UNEXPERIENCED — A MERE INTELLECTUAL CONSTRUCT. THERE EXISTS NO SUCH THING AS A MOMENT. NO “INSTANT” HAS EVER FOR AN INSTANT EXISTED.



THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1714

February 28, Sunday (1713, Old Style): Jonathan Melvin (1) got married in [Concord](#) with Sarah Hartwell, who had been born in Concord on July 28, 1694, daughter of Ebenezer Hartwell and Sarah Smeadley Hartwell. In 1724 Jonathan Melvin (1) would purchase a strip of land adjoining the farm of Sarah's brother John Hartwell in Concord. Jonathan Melvin (1) would die on February 11, 1736 in Concord, bequeathing his sword to his fourth son and a gun to each of his sons John Melvin (2) and Jonathan Melvin (2).

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BETWEEN ANY TWO MOMENTS ARE AN INFINITE NUMBER OF MOMENTS, AND BETWEEN THESE OTHER MOMENTS LIKEWISE AN INFINITE NUMBER, THERE BEING NO ATOMIC MOMENT JUST AS THERE IS NO ATOMIC POINT ALONG A LINE. MOMENTS ARE THEREFORE FIGMENTS. THE PRESENT MOMENT IS A MOMENT AND AS SUCH IS A FIGMENT, A FLIGHT OF THE IMAGINATION TO WHICH NOTHING REAL CORRESPONDS. SINCE PAST MOMENTS HAVE PASSED OUT OF EXISTENCE AND FUTURE MOMENTS HAVE YET TO ARRIVE, WE NOTE THAT THE PRESENT MOMENT IS ALL THAT EVER EXISTS — AND YET THE PRESENT MOMENT BEING A MOMENT IS A FIGMENT TO WHICH NOTHING IN REALITY CORRESPONDS.



THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1716

June 23, Saturday (Old Style): Sarah Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Jonathan Melvin (1) and Sarah Hartwell Melvin. In 1735/1736 she would get married with Joseph Barns; in a brief period they would have 6 children. In 1740, as a widow, she would come to be the owner of a slave.

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YOU HAVE TO ACCEPT EITHER THE REALITY OF TIME OVER THAT OF CHANGE, OR CHANGE OVER TIME — IT'S PARMENIDES, OR HERACLITUS. I HAVE GONE WITH HERACLITUS.



THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1718

October 12, Sunday (Old Style): Jonathan Melvin (2) was born in [Concord](#) to Jonathan Melvin (1) and Sarah Hartwell Melvin. In 1750 he would get married with Mary Brooks in Hollis NH.

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**ONE COULD BE ELSEWHERE, AS ELSEWHERE DOES EXIST.
ONE CANNOT BE ELSEWHEN SINCE ELSEWHEN DOES NOT.
(TO THE WILLING MANY THINGS CAN BE EXPLAINED,
THAT FOR THE UNWILLING WILL REMAIN FOREVER MYSTERIOUS.)**



THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1721

May 21, Sunday (Old Style): John Melvin (3) was born in [Concord](#) to Jonathan Melvin (1) and Sarah Hartwell Melvin and would die in about 1782 in Concord. In 1745 he would get married with Hannah Heald, who had been born in Concord on April 1, 1727, daughter of Timothy Heald. The couple would have 8 children. In 1744 John Melvin (3) and his brother-in-law Joseph Barnes would sell 6 acres of land in Acton MA and relocate to Hollis NH, but then soon return to Concord.

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CONTINGENCY

**ALTHOUGH VERY MANY OUTCOMES ARE OVERDETERMINED, WE TRUST
THAT SOMETIMES WE ACTUALLY MAKE REAL CHOICES.**



THE MELVIN FAMILY

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1725

November 10, Wednesday (Old Style): Ebenezer Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Jonathan Melvin (1) and Sarah Hartwell Melvin. He would be one of the proprietors and first settlers of Hollis NH.

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FIGURING OUT WHAT AMOUNTS TO A “HISTORICAL CONTEXT” IS WHAT THE CRAFT OF HISTORICIZING AMOUNTS TO, AND THIS NECESSITATES DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN THE SET OF EVENTS THAT MUST HAVE TAKEN PLACE BEFORE EVENT E COULD BECOME POSSIBLE, AND MOST CAREFULLY DISTINGUISHING THEM FROM ANOTHER SET OF EVENTS THAT COULD NOT POSSIBLY OCCUR UNTIL SUBSEQUENT TO EVENT E.



THE MELVIN FAMILY

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1726

August 21, Sunday (Old Style): John Melvin (1), who had been born in Fife, Scotland, died in [Concord](#).

THE MELVINS OF CONCORD

THE FUTURE IS MOST READILY PREDICTED IN RETROSPECT





THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1727

April 1, Saturday (Old Style): Hannah Heald was born in [Concord](#), daughter of Timothy Heald. In 1745 she would get married with John Melvin (3). The couple would have 8 children.

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NO-ONE'S LIFE IS EVER NOT DRIVEN PRIMARILY BY HAPPENSTANCE



June 14, Wednesday (Old Style): Josiah Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Jonathan Melvin (1) and Sarah Hartwell Melvin. In 1757 he would get married with Lydia Barrett; the couple would have 11 children.

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THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1729

June 25, Wednesday (Old Style): Nathan Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Jonathan Melvin (1) and Sarah Hartwell Melvin.

THE MELVINS OF CONCORD

NOBODY COULD GUESS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN NEXT





THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1731

July 4, Sunday (Old Style): Amos Melvin (1) was born in [Concord](#) to Jonathan Melvin (1) and Sarah Hartwell Melvin.

[THE MELVINS OF CONCORD](#)

THE FUTURE CAN BE EASILY PREDICTED IN RETROSPECT





THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1736

February 11, Wednesday (1735, Old Style): Jonathan Melvin (1) died in [Concord](#), bequeathing his sword to his fourth son and a gun to each of his sons John Melvin (3) and Jonathan Melvin (2).

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Note that according to the history of Concord published in 1835 by [Lemuel Shattuck](#) ([A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:...](#)), at this point nothing of any great importance had happened in Concord for half a century:

During the fifty subsequent years few important events mark the history of the town. The generation who first emigrated from England had nearly all departed, and others taken their places; but with habits and education somewhat different from their fathers and peculiar to their own period. Compelled to labor hard to supply their own necessities, parents had little time or ability to educate their children and the people generally were, in consequence, less enlightened than the first settlers. More signed legal instruments by their marks at this than at any other period. Their history (and such is the history of the country generally) exhibits this as the dark age of New England. Superstition and supposed witchcraft now prevailed. [Concord](#), however, was not a bewitched town; it never took a part in that horrible delusion. The increase in numbers, wealth and intellectual improvement of the people, was subsequently slow but progressive.

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CHANGE IS ETERNITY, STASIS A FIGMENT



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1740

April 22, Tuesday (Old Style): This would be a day of note, later, for a baby in [Concord](#) whom they were at this point deciding to call not Violet but Nancy for the duration of her natural life. She was to be one of 21 persons of such status in Concord:

Know all men by these presents that I, William Wilson of Concord in the County of Midd.^x in New England Gen.^t – for the sum of Thirty Pounds to me secured and payed [sic] by Sarah Melvin of Said Concord, Widow. Do hereby fully and absolutely Sell, Grant, Convey and Passover to said Sarah Melvin, her heirs and assigns for ever a certain Negro girl being a slave about two-years of age called ~~violet~~Nancy to be to her, her heirs and Assigns, for her and their use and Service, During the said Negro girls natural life. Hereby for myself, heirs Execut.^{rs} and Admin.^{rs} Warranting her said Negro girl to her Said Sarah Melvin, her heirs and Assigns from the legal claims or Demands of any person.

*Witness my hand and seal April 22
A.D. 1740*

Witnesses –

Thomas Jones William Wilson

Thomas miles

THE MELVINS OF CONCORD

IT IS NO COINCIDENCE THAT IT IS MORTALS WHO CONSUME OUR HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS, FOR WHAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO DO IS EVADE THE RESTRICTIONS OF THE HUMAN LIFESPAN. (IMMORTALS, WITH NOTHING TO LIVE FOR, TAKE NO HEED OF OUR STORIES.)



THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1745

In [Concord](#), Samuel Heywood, Joseph Wright, John Jones, Ephraim Jones, and Nathaniel Whittemore were Selectmen.

In [Concord](#), Samuel Heywood was again Town Clerk.

Ephraim Jones was [Concord](#)'s deputy and representative to the General Court.

John Melvin (3) and Hannah Heald got married in [Concord](#). The couple would have 8 children.

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OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1746

August 4, Monday (Old Style): Hannah Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to John Melvin (3) and Hannah Heald Melvin. She would not be baptized in her infancy, as these Melvins were not church people and consequently were not being permitted to offer their offspring for baptism.

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1748

May 13, Friday-31, Tuesday (Old Style): Captain Eleazer Melvin of [Concord](#) (June 28, 1703-October 18, 1754) kept a diary during a march into the wilderness toward Lake Champlain's Crown Point.

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November 23, Wednesday (Old Style): Sarah Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to John Melvin (3) and Hannah Heald Melvin. She would get married with Jonathan Smith (or Davis) in Worcester in 1769 and the couple would live in Westminster.

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THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1751

June 15, Saturday (Old Style): Amos Melvin (2) was born in [Concord](#) to John Melvin (3) and Hannah Heald Melvin. Amos would get married with Anna Flatt, who was born in about 1763, daughter of Mr. Flatt and Ann Beaton. As the Minuteman on guard at the courthouse at 2AM on April 19, 1775, when Dr. Prescott arrived to sound the alarm that the British Army was on the march and heading their way, Amos Melvin (2) rang the meetinghouse bell. Since his name is on the list of "6 weeks men" for December 1775/January 1776, he was among the men forming the first guard at Cambridge. In 1777 he and others conveyed stores to [Boston](#), returning to Concord with the empty wagons. Amos Melvin (2) would die in Concord on August 13, 1806.

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THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1754

February 11, Monday: Sibill Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to John Melvin (3) and Hannah Heald Melvin. She would die on August 11, 1770.

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October 18, Friday: Eleazer Melvin of [Concord](#) died.

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Mr. Melvin died October 18, 1754 aged 52. He was son of John Melvin, who died 1724 aged 74. Grandchildren of his are now [1835] living.³

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1756

May 17, Monday: Mary Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to John Melvin (3) and Hannah Heald Melvin. She would get married with a Mr. Rice and move to Ashby, Massachusetts.

[THE MELVINS OF CONCORD](#)

The beginning of the Seven Year War (1756-1763), with Britain declaring war on France. Most of the European powers would become involved.

June 7, Monday: Eunice Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to John Melvin (3) and Hannah Heald Melvin. In 1789 she would get married with Joseph Polly of Fitchburg.

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THE MELVIN FAMILY

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1759

In [Concord](#), Samuel Merriam, James Chandler, John Flint, Stephen Hosmer, Jr., and Jonas Heywood were Selectmen.

In [Concord](#), John Beaton continued as Town Treasurer.

Charles Prescott was [Concord](#)'s deputy and representative to the General Court.

At the age of about 12 or 13, Hannah Melvin of [Concord](#), having experienced religious conversion, was accepted into the church.

THE MELVINS OF CONCORD

Due to the religious upheaval in [Concord](#) involving his family, the first marriage of Charles Miles in 1756 had been officiated at by a Justice of the Peace rather than the local minister, but in this year, having reconciled with the church, his second marriage was officiated at by the Reverend Daniel Bliss.

James Minott of [Concord](#) was an Assistant and Counselor. James Minot, Jr. died, and left his “dwelling house, barns and all of the other buildings on the home lot [in [Concord](#)] to my son Ephraim” Minot.

Representatives of Lincoln⁴

Chambers Russell	'54-57, '59, '62, '63, '5.	Joshua Brooks	1809-1811.
Samuel Farrer	1766-1768.	Leonard Hoar	1812-1814.
Eleazer Brooks	'74-'78, '80, '5, '7, '90-'2.	William Hayden	1815, 1816.
Chambers Russell	1788.	Elijah Fiske	1820-1822.
Samuel Hoar	'94, '95, '97, '98, 1801, '3-'8.	Joel Smith	1824.
Samuel Farrar, Jr.	1800.	Silas P. Tarbell	1827, 1828.
Not represented 1758, '60, '62, '69-'73, '79, '81, '82, '86, '89, '93, '96, '99, 1802, '17, '23, '25, '26.			

Counselors of Lincoln⁵

Hon. Chambers Russell	1759-1766
Hon. Eleazer Brooks	1788 1792-1800

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5. Ibid



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1760

August 8, Friday: The British garrison of Fort Loudon in [North Carolina](#) was starved into surrender by the encircling French and their native allies.

Mellicent Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to John Melvin (3) and Hannah Heald Melvin.

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THE MELVIN FAMILY

OF CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

1763

In [Concord](#), Simon Hunt, [John Cuming](#), xxxx, xxxx, and xxx were Selectmen.

In [Concord](#), John Beaton continued as Town Treasurer.

In [Concord](#), Jonas Heywood was Town Clerk.

The town of [Concord](#) began to appoint a Surveyor of Wheat and Flour. This would continue until 1767.

Charles Prescott was [Concord](#)'s deputy and representative to the General Court.

After the outbreak of peace, Lieutenant-Colonel Jonathan Hoar of [Concord](#) journeyed to England and was rewarded with an appointment as Governor of Newfoundland and its neighboring provinces (but he would die on his way to his reward).

In the church of Lincoln, the reading of the Scriptures was made a part of the exercises of public worship.

In about this year Anna Flatt was born. She would get married with Amos Melvin (2).

THE MELVINS OF CONCORD

Succession of the deacons of Lincoln:⁶

Names.	Chosen.	Died.	Age.
Benjamin Brown	Aug. 20, 1747.	April —, 1753.	—.
Joshua Brooks	April 18, 1749.	June 26, 1768.	80.
John Gove	April 18, 1749; was in office about 40 years.		
Samuel Farrar	Dec. 28, 1763.	April 18, 1783.	75.
Joshua Brooks, Jr.	Dec. 28, 1763.	March 8, 1790.	70.
Edmund Wheeler	May 6, 1784.	June 1, 1805.	74.
Samuel Farrar	May 6, 1784.	Sept. 19, 1829.	93.
Eleazer Brooks	Nov. 6, 1794.	Nov. 9, 1806.	80.
John Hartwell	April 9, 1804.	Nov. 2, 1820.	73.
Thomas Wheeler	Sept. 2, 1805.		
James Farrar	April 27, 1812.		
Eleazer Brooks	April 27, 1812.		

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1764

August 1, Wednesday: Ruth Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to John Melvin (3) and Hannah Heald Melvin.

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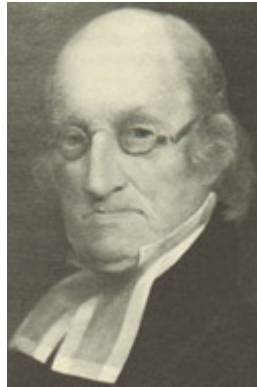
1770

August 11, Tuesday: Sibill Melvin died.

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1775

Hannah Melvin, age about 28 or 29, was suspected, while in the [Concord](#) jail for some offense (this was the wooden Concord jail of the time, not the stone Middlesex jail of a later era), of having engaged in a promiscuous act of sexual congress. She was admonished before the congregation of the church by the Reverend [William Emerson](#), and informed that she would no longer be eligible to take Communion. Hannah responded by denying all the charges against her, and making counteraccusations against the Reverend Emerson and against Harvard student [Ezra Ripley](#). [Note that in the story about student Ezra Ripley being



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accused by Hannah Melvin, there is no hint that her accusation was either personal or sexual. It may well have been merely that one of her bed partners had informed her that student Ezra had been with the carousing students who, recently, while on their way from the Concord tavern to their lodgings late one night, had had some collegial fun by breaking windows with roadside pebbles. I have lost my source for this story about student Ezra being accused by Hannah. Possible sources include:

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April 19, Wednesday, 1:30AM on this morning: The oldest son of Ephraim Hartwell (1) and Elizabeth Heywood Hartwell, Samuel Hartwell (4), was residing alongside his father Ephraim Hartwell (1) in the grandfather's 1690s homestead in [Concord](#), with a wife Mary Hartwell (4) and three young daughters. He and his brother John Hartwell (5) had joined the Lincoln Minute Company and been elected sergeants, serving under their neighbor, Captain William Smith. Their brother Isaac Hartwell (2) was a private in this unit. At about 1:30AM on this morning, Dr. Samuel Prescott was hammering on Samuel Hartwell (4)'s door and announcing that the British Regular Army was on the road to Concord. While the husband and his brothers dashed to muster, while Mary Hartwell (4) handed her 4-month-old Lucy Hartwell to a servant woman and ran through the night to Captain William Smith's house to pass on the alarm. She then took refuge at her father's home. Samuel Hartwell (4), John Hartwell (5), and Isaac Hartwell (2) (and, possibly, brother Jonas Hartwell with the Lincoln militia) would be part of the stand at North Bridge. Brother Ephraim Hartwell (3) responded to the alarm as a private in the militia of Princeton MA. The Hartwell brothers would serve various lengths of time in the American army, with Samuel Hartwell (4) becoming a Regimental Quartermaster at the Battle of White Plains, John Hartwell (5) becoming a company captain, and Isaac Hartwell (2) and Jonas Hartwell serving as sergeants under him.

As the Minuteman on guard at the courthouse at 2AM when Dr. Prescott arrived in [Concord](#) center to sound the alarm that the British Army was on the march and heading their way, it was Amos Melvin (2) who rang the meetinghouse bell.

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October 4, Wednesday: The Reverend [Asa Dunbar](#) recorded in his journal: "*Josiah Jones broke out of Concord goal [sic].*"

The [Harvard College](#) students (about 143) and faculty (about 10) gathered in [Concord](#). The average age of the 26 members of the freshman class was 15, so some problems of student high spirits were going to need to be carefully managed, and in particular village girls such as Hannah Melvin were going to need to be carefully chaperoned. President Samuel Langdon arranged to reside at the home of Dr. Timothy Minott, on the site that later would be occupied by the Middlesex Hotel (which is now the park at the town square). Professor Sewell arranged to reside at the home of James Jones, in what is known as the "Bullet Hole" house. Professor Wigglesworth arranged to reside with the Bates's and the Andersons near the present intersection of Old Bedford Road with Bedford Street. Dr. and Mrs. John Winthrop arranged to reside with the Whitneys at their home that would become the plot for "[The Wayside](#)" (or, possibly, at the home of Captain Stones west of Hildreth Corner on Barrett's Mill Road, house number 222). The college's scientific apparatuses remained with Dr. Winthrop. The College library was unpacked in the home of Humphrey Barrett on Monument Road halfway between the Manse and the town square. Some of the students arranged for their lodging at local taverns and some arranged to be welcomed into local private homes. For instance, Dr. Joseph Lee of 38 Willard Road hosted 12 of the students including his own son Samuel ('76).⁷ The Willard Farm area is now presumed to have been a focal point for college activities, but class recitations were held at the court house, the meeting house, and the empty grammar school at the town center. Harvard's quite unique College Clock was put on public display, and its college fire engine was made available for general town fire protection.

The buildings of [Harvard](#) were occupied as barracks for the American army, while stationed at Cambridge, and the students were dispersed. The college was removed to [Concord](#) and commenced its operations on the first of October, 1775. President Langdon lived at Dr. Minot's (now [1835] the Middlesex Hotel); Professor Sewall lived at James Jones's; Professor Wigglesworth at the Bates place on the Bedford road; and Professor Winthrop at Darius Merriam's, near which was the library and philosophical apparatus; and other officers in different parts of the town

7. Dr. Joseph Lee (June 16, 1716-April 10, 1797) of Concord kept four volumes of diary entries in his almanacs for years from 1769 into 1794. These amount to scattered short entries of personal affairs and town affairs, and deaths. His son the Reverend Joseph Lee (1742-1819) of Royalston MA also kept such diaries or interleaved almanacs for some years between 1770 and 1783.



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[Concord]. Twelve of the students boarded in the house now [1835] owned by Joseph Barrett, Esq. and others in many different places. The recitations were at the court-house and meeting-house. Prayers were attended at the latter place.⁸

December 1775/January 1776: Amos Melvin (2) of [Concord](#) was one of the “6 weeks men” who formed the first guard at Cambridge.

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8. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;....](#) Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)
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1777

Colonel Eleazer Brooks of Lincoln was appointed a Justice of the Peace.

Justices of the Peace of Lincoln⁹

Chambers Russell	Chambers Russell	William Hayden
James Russell	Samuel Hoar	Charles Wheeler
Charles Russell	Eleazer Brooks, Jr.	Elijah Fiske
Eleazer Brooks	Joshua Brooks	Stephen Patch
Joseph Adams	Grosvenor Tarbell	Joel Smith

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In [Concord](#), Ephraim Wood, Nathan Merriam, and Nehemiah Hunt were Selectmen.

In [Concord](#), Ephraim Wood was again Town Clerk.

In [Concord](#), Abijah Bond was again Town Treasurer.

Joseph Hosmer was [Concord](#)'s deputy and representative to the General Court.

Amos Melvin (2) and others of [Concord](#) conveyed stores to the revolutionary forces in the vicinity of [Boston](#), returning to Concord with the empty wagons.

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This was Concord's prison structure as depicted by John Wilson, Secretary to Sir Archibald Campbell:



[Concord](#)'s revolutionary Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety was renewed.

The committee of correspondence, etc., chosen March, 1776 [for [Concord](#)], were [John Cuming](#), Esq., Ephraim Wood, Jr., Esq., Capt. Jonas Heywood, Capt. Joseph Hosmer, James Barrett, Esq., Capt. David Brown, and Capt. George Minot. In 1777, Colonel John Buttrick, Josiah Merriam, Isaac Hubbard, Capt. Abishai Brown, Capt. David Wheeler, Mr. Ephraim Potter, and Lieut. Nathan Stow. In 1778, [John Cuming](#), Esq., Colonel John Buttrick, Ephraim Wood, Jr., Esq., Jonas Heywood, Esq., James Barrett, Esq., Capt. David Brown, and Mr. Josiah Merriam. These were re-elected in 1779, 1780, 1781 & 1782. In 1783, James Barrett, Esq., Jonas Heywood, Esq., Ephraim Wood, Jr., Esq., Capt. David Wood, and Lieut.



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Joseph Hayward. This committee was not chosen afterwards.¹⁰

A committee also attempted to set prices:

[A] committee, chosen by the town for the purpose, reported the prices of various kinds of "common labor, carpenters', cordwainers', blacksmiths' women's labor, firewood, charcoal, live swine, horse-hire, chaise-hire, upper leather, saddlery, entertainment at public houses, flax, spirits, milk, clothiers' work," etc. All who varied from the established prices were prosecuted and treated as enemies. Colonel John Buttrick was chosen to collect evidence against such as might be brought to trial. It does not appear, however, that any prosecutions took place in Concord.¹¹

10. [Lemuel Shattuck's 1835 A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;....](#) Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)
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11. *ibid*



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1782

October 15, Tuesday: Amos Melvin (3) was born in [Concord](#) to Amos Melvin (2) and Anna Flatt Melvin.

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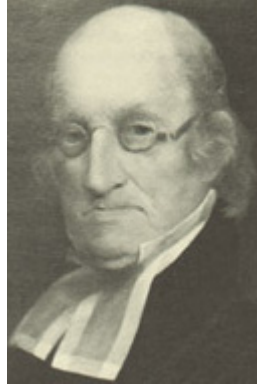


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1783

The Reverend [Ezra Ripley](#) conducted another ceremony before the [Concord](#) congregation, of warning of 36-year-old Hannah Melvin away from the path of iniquity.



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1784

November 4, Thursday: Charles Melvin (1) was born in [Concord](#) to Amos Melvin (2) and Anna Flatt Melvin.

On December 11, 1814, he and Betsy Farrar, who would be born in 1787 in Concord, daughter of Jacob Farrar and Elizabeth Haywood, would get married in Concord. The couple would have 8 children. He would die on February 11, 1846 in Lowell MA, and the widowed Betsy Farrar Melvin would die in 1869.

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1786

September 1, Friday: Anna Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Amos Melvin (2) and Anna Flatt Melvin. She would die on February 25, 1805 in Concord.

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1788

June 21, Saturday: By a hotly contested 57-over-47 vote the [US Constitution](#) came into force as [New Hampshire](#) became the 9th and decisive state to ratify.

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RATIFICATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: 9, 10, AND 11

June 21, 1788	New Hampshire	YES= 57	NO= 47
June 26, 1788	Virginia	YES= 89	NO= 79
July 26, 1788	New York	YES= 30	NO= 27

[HTTP://WWW.YALE.EDU/LAWWEB/AVALON/CONST/RATNH.HTM](http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/const/ratnh.htm)

James Flatt Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Amos Melvin (2) and Anna Flatt Melvin. (He would remove to Virginia.)

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1790

July 15, Thursday: John Melvin (4) was born in [Concord](#) to Amos Melvin (2) and Anna Flatt Melvin. He would get married with Sally Chandler.

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1791

The congregation of the [Concord](#) church elected to add a steeple to their edifice. In this year, also, they voted to excommunicate Hannah Melvin for flagrant serial misconduct and defiance. Hannah, who was 44 or 45 years of age at this point, was present but made no comment.

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1792

December 28, Friday: Joshua Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Amos Melvin (2) and Anna Flatt Melvin. He would get married with a Miss Durant.

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1795

March 1, Sunday: Emerson Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Amos Melvin (2) and Anna Flatt Melvin. He would get married with Eliza Rice.

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1797

June 14, Wednesday: Mary Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Amos Melvin (2) and Anna Flatt Melvin.


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1800

 December 5, Friday: William Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Amos Melvin (2) and Anna Flatt Melvin.
He would get married with Eliza Williams.

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DATE: A daughter named Phebe Melvin was born to Amos Melvin (2) and Anna Flatt Melvin (the year is unknown).
This daughter would marry David Lacy.


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1805

 February 25, Monday: Anna Melvin died in [Concord](#).

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*2 day morning, 25 of 2 M 1805 / Yesterday attended Meetings,
both were silent, & very sweet to my mind, but was a little tried
in the afternoon with the roving of mind, the jostling of the
mind -After meeting walked with J Austin to Sam'l Thurston's &
took tea & spent part of the evening. - Then came to C Rodmans
& set the remainder. -*


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1806

 August 13, Wednesday: Duke Karl Friedrich of Baden-Durlach became the Grand Duke of Baden-Durlach. Hesse-Darmstadt was created the Grand Duchy of Hesse. Duke Ludwig X of Hesse-Darmstadt became Grand Duke Ludwig I. (Except for that, nothing much changed.)

Amos Melvin (2) died. He had drawn up a will on August 9, 1806 in which he left his estate in charge of his wife Anna Flatt Melvin, who would provide for their nine surviving children. (Besides property in [Concord](#), the family owned land in [Acton](#).)

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1815



September 19, Tuesday: Charles Melvin Jr. (2) was born in [Concord](#) to Charles Melvin (1) and Betsy Farrar Melvin. He would die on November 29, 1841 in Concord.

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1817

 March 20, Thursday: Johann Simon Mayr was elected to the Ateneo of Bergamo.

Eliza Ann Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Charles Melvin (1) and Betsy Farrar Melvin. In 1844 she would get married with William W. Gage. She would relocate from Concord to Woburn MA. In about 1849 her sister Maria Melvin would come to Woburn to visit and find work, and would meet there and get married with George Kimball.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*5th day 20 of 3rd M / Our meeting was silent & if my feelings were correct there was a remarkable solemn covering over us - to me it was a good time tho' it might have been better - This evening my mind has been raised & this language has prevailed "Evermore give me this bread"
Rec'd a letter from Jos Mitchell. -*


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1819

 April 14, Wednesday: Mary Heyward Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Charles Melvin (1) and Betsy Farrar Melvin.

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

4th day 14th of 4th M / I have never seen a greater need for all to resign themselves into the hands of a wise & Merciful Creator & Redeemer, casting our confidence on Him & striving to cleave to him as the Munion of Rocks, than for a few days past. May I never loose my confidence in his Power to Save, Oh what Balm it is to the Soul in affliction to feel the Lord as a sure Hiding place - tho' as respects my own particular I have at present no uncommon depression of mind, yet having had to be Baptized with those who are, can speak from experience

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1821



March 9, Friday: The Portuguese Cortes adopted 36 articles, declaring the principles on which a constitution would be based.

Eunice Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Charles Melvin (1) and Betsy Farrar Melvin.


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1823

 March 10, Monday: In [Concord](#), [Colonel William Whiting](#)'s carriagemaking shop and part of his dwelling burned, with a loss estimated at \$3,000.

Provision Against Fire. – The Fire Society was organized May 5, 1794, and holds its annual meetings on the 2d Monday in January. The Presidents have been, Jonathan Fay, Esq., Dr. Joseph Hunt Tilly Merrick, Esq., Dr. Isaac Hurd, Deacon Francis Jarvis, Hon. Samuel Hoar, and Joseph Barrett, Esq. The Engine Company was formed, and the first engine procured, in 1794. A new engine was obtained in 1818.

A Volunteer Engine Company was organized in 1827, who procured by subscription a new engine in 1831.¹²

Maria Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Charles Melvin (1) and Betsy Farrar Melvin. On November 29, 1849 she would get married with George Washington Kimball in Woburn, Massachusetts. George had been born on October 4, 1826 in Wells, Maine, son of Major Wilbraham Kimball and Deborah Bourne. He would die on September 13, 1892 in Woburn. Maria would leave her home in Concord to be with her sister, Eliza (Gage) and to find employment in Woburn and would meet George Washington Kimball there.

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
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1826

 December 20, Wednesday: [Ludwig van Beethoven](#) underwent a surgery to remove abdominal fluids, the initial of four such operations.

James Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Charles Melvin (1) and Betsy Farrar Melvin. He would get married with Elizabeth Gates.

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Per the journal of [Albert Gallatin](#)'s son James as recorded in THE DIARY OF JAMES GALLATIN:


Looked in at White's. All intent on gambling. While I was there a sum of £8000 changed hands. Had some supper; a thick fog, had to have a link man to show me the way home.



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1828

 August 31, Sunday: Sarah Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Charles Melvin (1) and Betsy Farrar Melvin (eventually she would get married with Isaac Buteau).

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Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

1st day 31 of 8 M / Our Meetings were rather smaller than usual. In the forenoon Father Rodman bore a short testimony, & Silent in the Afternoon. -

After tea took a walk into the Clifton burying ground, where are the remains of many of our Ancient brethren & sisters in The Church & many of our Ancestors & kinsfolk. - I like to go there some times, it brings into mind the memory of many whose character & standing in our society I venerate & love. - I reflect also that this is the last day of the Month & also of the Summer & where I may be or how situated at the end of another, is not known - a desire to be thankful for present good, & hope for more to come. -


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1830

 January 24, Sunday: Anna Flatt Melvin died.

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Law student [Robert Schumann](#) gave a very successful performance of Moscheles, Alexander Variations in Heidelberg. Despite the public approval, he would descend into depression for the next few months.

Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*1st day 24th of 1 M / Silent Meetings all day - but Pretty good
ones to me -*


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1832

 March 26, Monday: Charles Marie de Brouckere replaced Felix Armand de Muelenaere as head of government for Belgium.

The remains of [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#) were buried in Weimar. — music for the event was composed and directed by [Johann Nepomuk Hummel](#).

Louisa Melvin was born in [Concord](#) to Charles Melvin (1) and Betsy Farrar Melvin (she would live until 1897).

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1841

November 29, Monday: [Louisa Neville Haliburton](#) died at the age of 48 at Windsor, Nova Scotia.

Charles Melvin Jr. (2) died in [Concord](#).

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1846

February 11, Wednesday: Charles Melvin (1) died in Lowell MA.

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1869

Betsy Farrar Melvin died.

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1897

Louisa Melvin died.

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1931

August 29, Saturday: [Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi](#) sailed from Bombay for England and the Second Round Table Conference on [India](#).

Heavy rains in Canada were holding up the grain harvest. To solve the problem of the current cotton glut and consequent disastrously low commodity prices, the Farm Board proposed that cotton farmers plow under every 3d row of their current crop. Meanwhile, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company was considering issuing the largest mortgage ever, for the creation of Rockefeller City on Manhattan Island (MetLife's loan for construction of the Empire State Building had been for \$27,000,000 whereas this one would be for \$65,000,000).

According to Helen E. Glutsch's "Interesting Reminiscences" in the [Saturday Review of Literature](#) VIII, page 92, Howard Melvin of [Concord](#) had reported to her that:

[Thoreau](#) taught me one thing: not to fill my bucket too full. Told me to fetch a bucket of water. When I found it was too heavy to lift out of the well, he wouldn't help me. No, sir, he wouldn't help me. I learned then not to fill my bucket too full. I was only a lad of six or seven then. He always said there were only two naturalists. He was the naturalist, and I was the other one. We used to talk about birds and eggs and things we found in the woods.

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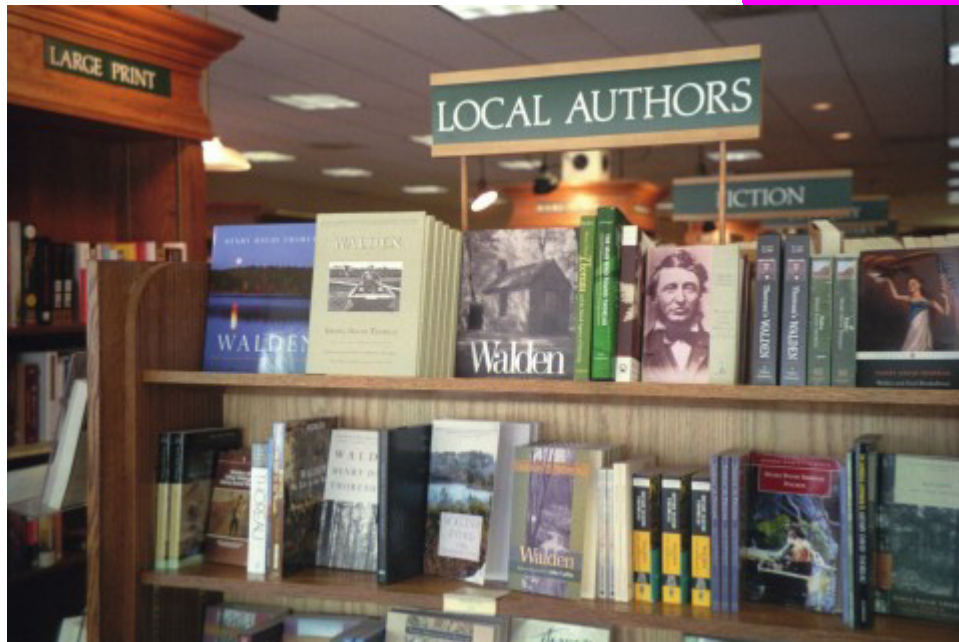
December 14, Wednesday: The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics parted ways with the League of Nations.

Eleanor Roosevelt urged Americans to consume more apples, oranges, and grapefruit, because they grow right here in the USA.

The Concord Journal published an obituary of a lifelong Concord resident, "Howard Melvin Passes Away in 85th Year." Since Melvin had not been born when Thoreau was jailed, this would amount at best to hearsay:

One time Emerson and Thoreau agreed not to pay their taxes because they were so high. Well Thoreau didn't pay and they put him in the lock-up. When Emerson came to see him I guess he'd gone ahead and paid his because he said to Thoreau, "Henry! Henry! Why do I find you here?" Then Thoreau said, "Ralph! Ralph! Why aren't you here?"


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"It's all now you see. Yesterday won't be over until tomorrow and tomorrow began ten thousand years ago."

- Remark by character "Garin Stevens"
in William Faulkner's INTRUDER IN THE DUST

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Commonly, the first output of the algorithm has obvious deficiencies and we need to go back into the modules stored in the contexture and do a minor amount of tweaking, and then we need to punch that button again and recompile the chronology – but there is nothing here that remotely resembles the ordinary “writerly” process you know and love. As the contents of this originating contexture improve, and as the programming improves, and as funding becomes available (to date no funding whatever has been needed in the creation of this facility, the entire operation being run out of pocket change) we expect a diminished need to do such tweaking and recompiling, and we fully expect to achieve a simulation of a generous and untiring robotic research librarian. Onward and upward in this brave new world.

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