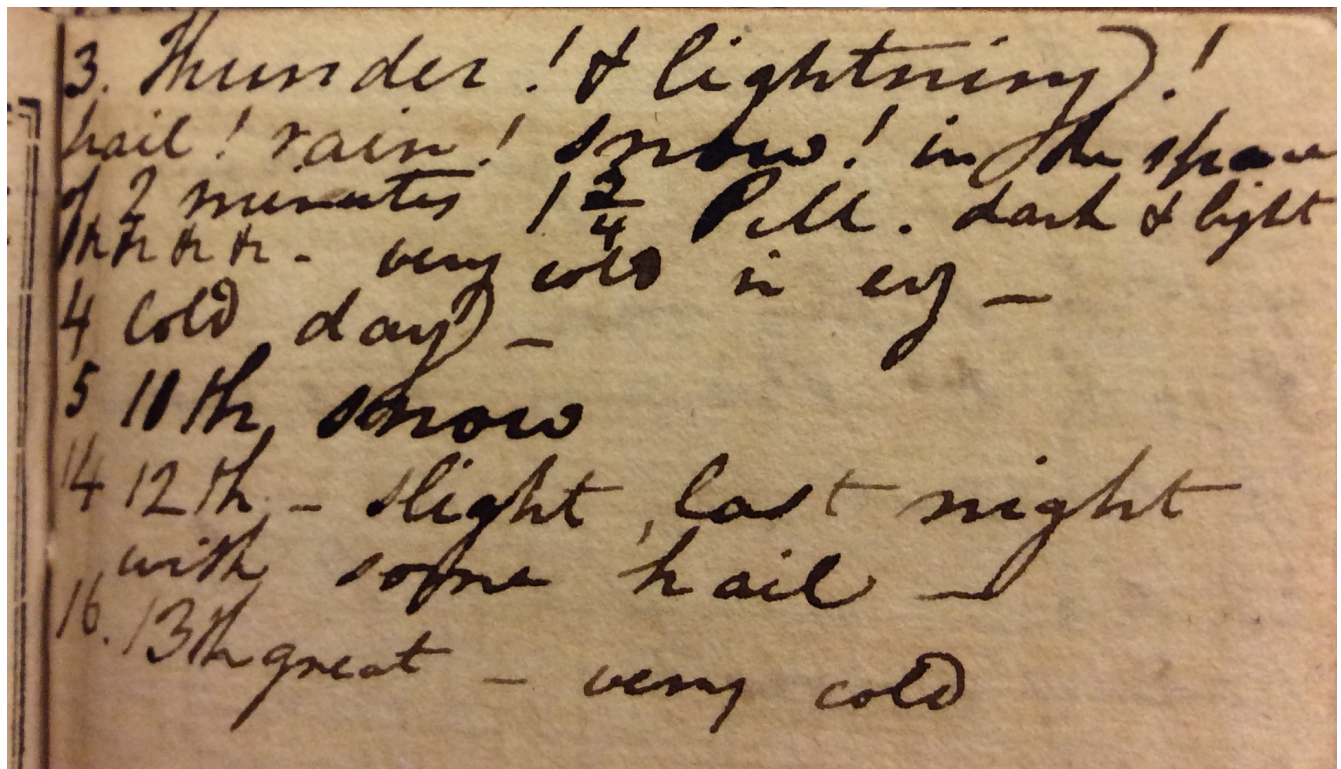


Climate in Words and Numbers: How Early Americans Recorded Weather in Almanacs

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With support from the Guggenheim Foundation, Joyce Chaplin is compiling a database of manuscript notes about weather in early American almanacs, 1637-1820. Her talk focuses on how people recorded weather in numbers (including degrees Fahrenheit) and in words, ranging from "dull" to "elegant!" These notations are significant as records of a period of climate change, the Little Ice Age, also as records of how people made sense of and coped with that climatic disruption.



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