

Apples, Apple Trees, Apple Sauce, Apple Pies

1726 April 21 (Thursday). Planted Apple Trees.

1726 October 3 (Monday). We began our Indian Corn Harvest, and I sent my Apples to the Cyder Mill at Mr. Forbush's.

1729 September 5. 1. Bless God for the Light and Liberties of This Morning, and petition Direction and assistance in Such an Observation of the Day as may be most for the Divine Glory, and my Souls Comfort.

2. Let the Exercises of the Family (although not formally or noticeably by others) contribute as much as may be to the Holy Business of this Day.

3. Thankfully review the Divine Mercie to me and mine through my Life past, particularly Such as we have receiv'd in the Course of this Year, and Solemnly offer unto God the Praise. Read and Sung Ps. 145 in Tate's Version.

4. Bewail my Iniquities before God.

1. Sin, in General: its 1. Turpitude, Vileness, and Offensiveness especially to God most Holy and glorious
2. Fatal Consequences.

2. In Particular:

1. The Sin of my Nature, and thereby
 1. The Weakness and Darkness of my Intellectual Powers;
 2. The Perverseness and Corruptness of my Elective Powers.
2. The Foolishness and wickedness of my Childhood and youth
 1. Falseness. Ps. 58.3. Brother William, Mr. Fl. [?], Mr. L.[?]
 2. Thievishness, apples, corn.

1736 September 16 (Thursday). David gone to grind Apples. Whilst I was gone he picked Apples and mowed rowing one Day -- Another Day (the foul Day) threw Dirt out of the Cellar to prepare for the rebuilding the North side of the Cellar wall and to lay the foundation of another stack of Chimneys -- and another Day Set up Rail Fence upon the New Ground [on?] the South side of the Road.

1736 September 23 (Thursday). David Gate Stuff -- p.m. winter Apples.

1737 October 6 (Thursday). N.B. I set out from Cambridge before Day.... N.B. In my absence Winter Apples gathered in.

1738 August 26 (Saturday). Moss picking up Apples for Cyder.

1738 August 31 (Thursday). Moss carry'd a parcel of Apples over to Mr. Hezekiah How, who made up a Barrell, and part of a Second, of Cyder.

1738 October 6 (Friday). Thomas Winchester gather'd in our Beans, pick'd winter Apples, etc.

1738 October 7 (Saturday). Children picking Apples.

1738 October 9 (Monday). N.B. Noah How help'd David a.m. in carting in stalks, and Noah and his Brother Daniel carted my Apples to their Mill.

1739 February 23 (Friday). Moderate weather. Lieutenant Baker help'd me Trim my Apple Trees. Abraham Moss call'd here.

1739 February 24 (Saturday). Brother Hicks came and trimmed Apple Trees all Day.

1739 April 17 (Tuesday). Catechiz'd at the Meeting House. The Trees and divers of them, Apple Trees and Popplers, very Green and the Grass considerably grown.

1739 September 1 (Saturday). Nigh Two Barrells of Cyder made of my Apples by Mr. Williams for Mr. Rogers and Townsend.

1739 September 20 (Thursday). Ebenezer went over with a Load of Apples and took Cold.

1739 September 25 (Tuesday). Aaron Forbush junior at work for me, picking Apples for Store and for Cyder.

1739 September 26 (Wednesday). Aaron Forbush and William Johnson at Work for me, picking Apples and carting them over.

1739 September 27 (Thursday). I return'd by the Mill. Eleazer Williams carted over a Load of Apples.

1739 September 29 (Saturday). A Barrell of Cyder for me and one for Brother Hicks by Mr. Williams of my Apples.

1739 October 19 (Friday). Mr. Williams has undertook to make up the Rest of my apples -- Carting to Day.

1739 October 22 (Monday). I was greatly exercis'd by the Creatures lying So much upon my apples and I was oblig'd to be much abroad in the Town.

1740 October 2 (Thursday). Thomas and Joshua Winchester gathering apples and Corn in the upper Field. Carry'd in Stalks, etc.

1740 October 9 (Thursday). In great perplexity in the fore part of the Day by Reason of the Cattle and Hoggs breaking in upon my few Apples, tossing about the piles of Stalks, etc. Old Mr. Maynard at my urgent request Sent his son Ebenezer who with his Cousens Team carted the Stalks into the Barn and the Apples over to Mr. Hows Mill.

1740 October 21 (Tuesday). Three Barrels and a part of a 4th of Cyder made by Mr. How, of my apples. N.B. Silas Warrin brought the whole home.

1742 March 22 (Monday). Thomas Winchester trimming my Apple Trees.

1742 September 29 (Wednesday). Thomas gathering apples.

1745 October 26 (Saturday). Ebenezer plough'd Stubble Hills and had Nathan Maynards Oxen with mine, Nathan having my Mare a.m. to grind Apples.

1746 October 8 (Wednesday). My Sons have pick'd up our Apples, gather'd the Beans, and this afternoon some of the Corn.

1747 April 6 (Monday). Cool Day, but the Season wondrous forward. Apple trees begin to put forth their Leaves.

1747 April 10 (Friday). Ebenezer a.m. graffing Pear Cyons in Apple Stocks, but the Trees rather too forward, as is all Nature. Every Thing wondrously putting out. God's name be prais'd who pitys His People, and in the Middst of wrath remembers Mercy!

1747 August 20 (Thursday). N.B. Neighbour Benjamin How picks Apples in my Orchard to make my Cyder (this early) to the Halves.

1747 September 26 (Saturday). Ebenezer picking Apples -- though a scarce year with others, yet plentiful with me. D.G. But many are sadly wasted and rot away.

1747 October 1 (Thursday). Very rainy Morning. Troubled with our Hoggs, which have one Time after another got in upon the Heaps of Apples.

1747 October 2 (Friday). Ebenezer carted 2 Load of Apples over to Mr. Hows Mill.

1747 October 6 (Tuesday). Hir'd Thomas Rogers to help in picking Apples. Ebenezer got out 5 Barrells and a part of a Barrell at Mr. Hows Mill. One Barrell sold to Mr. Chamberlin and 1/2 Barrell I sent to old Mrs. Crouch, widow and Blind. 4 Barrells and Some Water Cyder, were put into the Cellar.

1747 October 17 (Saturday). Ebenezer proceeds in gathering and laying up winter Apples.

1748 September 27 (Tuesday). Ebenezer gathering Winter apples.

1748 October 3 (Monday). Ebenezer carting apples to Mr. Hows mill.

1748 October 8 (Saturday). Ebenezer gathering more of winter apples.

1748 October 12 (Wednesday). Mr. Daniel Bond here from Watertown and bought me a Specimen of 3 Sorts of Cornet Bright Apples.

1748 October 17 (Monday). I proceeded on my Journey to Watertown. Rain'd at Eve. Was at Cornet Brights to see his Pippins and other rich Fruit.

1749 August 10 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Thomas picked apples part of the Day.

1749 August 18 (Friday). Ebenezer Carts Apples to Mr. Charles Rice's Mill.

1750 February 21 (Wednesday). Thomas trims apple Trees etc.

1750 September 7 (Friday). P.M. My Neighbours rais'd my New Frame and we sung part of Psalm 127. Scil. one Stanza and Psalm 128 (second meetre) except the last half stanza. Sundry Neighbours Sent and brought Cheese, Cake, Wheat Bread, etc. which with Some Apples Pyes which my Wife provided, made up our Entertainment. Mr. Martyn pray'd and Mr. Haven return'd Thanks.

1750 October 1 (Monday). N.B. We have had [*blank*] Bushel of Winter apples of old Mr. Maynard

1750 October 5 (Friday). Ebenezer has been Carting Apples etc. No corn gather'd yet. But we suffer'd great Dammage by the cattle; of them 12 in Number broke out of the Cow Yard last night -- were in the Corn, among the Apples, Cabbages etc.

1750 November 3 (Saturday). My Son Thomas (Mr. John Rogers affording Some assistance, and dining here) finished the making up of Cyder, from our own Apples -- but Neighbour David Maynard has brought a parcel of Apples from his Sister Tomlins, which are partly for our Supply with Cyder is[?] not making enough ourselves to fill our Casks.

1750 November 12 (Monday). My sons make Cyder of Apples brought from Widow Tomlins by Mr. David Maynard.

1750 November 13 (Tuesday). Mr. Maynard had Two Barrells and we have Two, of the Cyder made from his Sister Tomlins Apples, but were it not so Cold weather there had Perhaps been another Barrell.

1751 January 22 (Tuesday). The early Morn began with Storm. As the Day got up it grew exceeding Tempestuous. The Wind at South, very Stiff, and sometimes like meer Hurricanes, raining very hard also. It beats extremely against, and into the House. The Lord hath his way in the Whirlwind and in the Storm, and the Clouds are the Dust of his Feet. Nah. 1.3. Stormy Wind, fulfilling his Word. Ps. 148.8. Storm prevails till The Middle of the Day: then the Clouds Scatter and the Sun appears; yet it continues very windy. In the Storm, Two Apple Trees (which were defective) were blown down; the Roof of the Bee House was blown off. The Well-Crotch, Sweep and Pole were laid flatt, one Leaf of the front Gate was forc'd from the Post and thrown down; and it was wonderful that the Roof of the Barn was not carry'd off and destroy'd. The Rain beat through the Windows of the House so much that there were great Puddles in the Rooms and Chambers, but especially in the Great Entry; and had the Wind and Rain continued with Such Violence for a little while longer, it look'd as if the sashes of the Windows would have been forc'd down and the House laid open that we could have had little or no Comfort. But Blessed be God who in the middst of Wrath remember'd Mercy! He that raised the Stormy Wind, made it obey and fulfill his Word. We have reason to fear there is much Dammage done by this terrible Storm. I hear already of the Desolation of Mr. Daniel Forbush's Barn which was blown down to Day when the Cattle were in it, and he himself gone to Boston.

1751 April 23 (Tuesday). I went over to the New House with Ebenezer to direct and assist in planting Elms and Plumb Trees. No ground fenc'd thereof. Sett no Apple Trees.

1751 April 24 (Wednesday). At Mr. Warrins. Timothy gave me 20 young Apple Trees which I set out in vacant places of my orchard at Home.

1752 February 29 (Saturday). Sam Bumpso brought a parcel of Apples here from Mr. Jonathan Fay's and from Mr. Grout and dined with us but did not work.

1754 April 10 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Forbush Setts out 90 Apple Trees South west of the Barn -- 70 out of my own Nursery and 20 from Mr. Whitney.

1754 October 3 (Thursday). Sent Billy to Mr. Garfields for pursely Water for little John, and bagg of Apples from Mr. Joseph Knowlton -- which he brought.

1755 November 14 (Friday). Mr. Nathaniel Whitney brought a Barrell of Cyder, and he the brought one from Mr. Grout. These were gratis. At Eve came Isaac Miller with Two Barells of Cyder more which were also gratis. One from Deacon Jonathan Forbush and the other from Ensign Miller, who also Sent me a large Piece of Beef and a parcel of Apples. May God reward His Servants and grant me Grace to make a proper Improvement of the Benefits I receive!

1756 October 19 (Tuesday). *Breck* fetches Winter Apples from Mrs. *Barnes*.

1758 September 15 (Friday). Visit Mr. E. Rice. N.B. a great Addition to his Trouble is Mr. Thomas Frosts Cattle break in upon the Apples and Rowing. I went to him, and he promised to take effectual Care of them.

1759 April 27 (Friday). My Brother assists me in grafting Apricots and Apples which I brought from Sir *Henry Franklands* last week.

1760 February 12 (Tuesday). Was with Silas Frost at Eve. Agree with him to get Posts, trim apple Trees. N.B. Mr. Solomon Baker p.m. trims in my old Orchard.

1760 August 29 (Friday). At Night Capt. Fay came; asks me to preach at his House next Tuesday: but I was obliged to deny him, because I purpose to go a journey next week. He asked me whether it would be agreeable to me that Mr. *Hutchinson* Should preach there? I told him Yes; for I should be glad of all means for their Spiritual and Eternal Good. He left me a present of Cheese and Apples.

1760 October 16 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. Solomon Baker brings me a present of a Barrel of Cyder and two Bags of Apples.

1760 October 30 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlin brought me a Barrell and half of Cyder and a Bushel Bagg of Apples. Also a Bag from Mr. Belknap.

1761 April 18 (Saturday). My Boys have been over to t'other place to set out Apple-Trees, and Weed the Currant Bushes. They also brought some Trees and sat 'em.

1765 July 30 (Tuesday). At Eve Jonathan Cook came to me with a Sorrowful Message from Capt. Maynard that his youngest Child was drowned and dead and prayed me to go over. I went hastily. Found the Child laid out as a Corps. It was little *Robert-Breck Maynard* in his 16th Month -- fell into a Kittle of Wort (not hot) about 4 o'Clock p.m., no one in the room; *Hope*, the Negro Girl, who had the Care of him, was gone to get Apples: when She came back, She pulled him out -- but he expired. May God Sanctifie His holy Hand! I prayed, Counsell'd them all; supped and then returned.

1765 October 1 (Tuesday). Another Letter from Mr. *Quincy* this Morning. The Company leave us. Thomas and John gather Apples and dig about 11 Bushel of Potatoes.

1765 October 26 (Saturday). John brought a Barrell of Cyder, Bag of Apples, another of Turnips and Two good Cabbage Heads from my Neighbour Hezekiah Pratt.

1765 November 11 (Monday). Visit Young Richard Barns who was lately hooked in his Eye by an Ox. Mr. Chamberlin Sends a Cart with Turnips, Apples, Cabbages.

1765 November 15 (Friday). Deacon Tainter comes with two Barrells of Cyder, which are given -- one by himself, the other by Lt. Harrington and 4 Bush. Apples for Sauce. *Silas Hill* comes

with the Deacon. *John* fetches home Mr. Bakers -- *Silas* gets 'em down. Providence cast him (accidentally to us) for my help, both to the Deacons Help and mine here. *Sarah* undertakes to make a Cask of Apple-sauce, for which End She bought a Quantity of Cyder etc.

1766 January 30 (Thursday). Breck trimed Apple Trees yesterday a while. This morning he finishes -- is much given to writing.

1766 April 18 (Friday). Thomas Arnold brings 20 Apple Trees from Squire Brighams at Marlborough.

1766 April 19 (Saturday). Adonijah Rice setts the Appletrees in the morning.

1766 November 29 (Saturday). Mr. Chamberlain sends a son with a Team -- containing a Present of a Barrel of Cyder, 2 Baggs of Apples and several Bushels of Turnips. He dined here.

1767 August 27 (Thursday). Send *John* early to Mr. *Tainters* for a Barrell of Cyder, which he Sends me Word he will give me if I will fetch it. John has my Oxen and Neighbour Nurse's Waggon. Brings it and a Bag of Apples and Cucumbers.

1767 October 9 (Friday). P.M. Deacon Wood, Lt. Baker, Neighbour Zebulun Rice, Lt. Baker [*sic*], Mr. Nathan Maynard, Neighbour Seth Morse (who brought a large Cheese) and a Number more (between 30 and 40 in all) got in and husked out my Corn. The Crop proved but indifferent. For entertainment Mrs. P. instead of the usual hot Supper, baked Applepyes and agreeable Cakes, which with Cheese proved an Acceptable [Reflection?] to the Company. N.B. Master Jamison here likewise. We sung part of the 4th Ps. Mr. Seth Morse set the Tune.

1768 October 27 (Thursday). The weather so cold and the Corn so wet, John can accomplish but little in the harvesting. He carrys Apples and Barrell to Mr. Bakers Cyder Mill.

1768 November 26 (Saturday). John went to Mr. *Tainters* with the Team and brought a Barrell of Cyder, and apples for Apple-sauce.

1768 November 29 (Tuesday). Closely engaged. Mrs. P. _____ undergoes the Labour of preparing her Years Apple-sauce. Apples and Cyder she has of Mr. *Tainter*.

1769 October 5 (Thursday). Lt. Baker and Neighbour Newton plow in my further Field. My Sons assist, with my Oxen. Jonathan *Tainter* brought with their Team, a Barrell of Cyder and a Bag of Apples to cut and dry.

1771 December 9 (Monday). By eating a pleasant Apple which came from Leicester, I was much wrot on. It proved very Cathartick.

1773 November 5 (Friday). I Sent Elias to Mr. Phinehas Hardy for 4 Barrells of Cyder, and he Sends me 5 and Apples.

1775 October 30 (Monday). Went to [torn] *Nathan Maynards* for Winter Apples. He freely ga[torn] me a Bag full.

1776 October 4 (Friday). Having no Body to help me, my Business abroad has miserably Suffered. No *Rowing* cut -- Bushes unmowed, the few Apples are lost: no plowing done, and yet keep Oxen, Mare and plough, for want of an Hand to take hold of it! Almost no Wood; but no Body to go and fetch [more?]. Have 34 Pound of Beef from Mr. *Barnabas Newton*, at 18d.

1776 October 24 (Thursday). Mr. *Cushing* and I took a Ride to Mrs. *Winchesters*, where were Apples worthy to be distinguished.

1776 November 15 (Friday). And paid to *Breck*, for Mr. *Jonathan Child*, in full, for Cyder and Apples, £1.7.4 L.M.

1777 September 20 (Saturday). P.M. *Reuben* goes with Cart etc. for Cid[er] from Capt. *Kimbal* of *Grafton*. He brings two Barrels and a Bag of Apples from Capt. Brooks.

1779 February 16 (Tuesday). Elias p.m. makes a Business of trimming the great Apple trees in the Garden etc.

1779 September 15 (Wednesday). Sent Ephraim Wheelock with a load of Apples to Lieut. Grout's to be made into Cyder by him at his Mill.

1780 September 25 (Monday). But I am sorry to see my Husbandry fast asleep, no body at work for me, though my apples are rotting and wasting, and Flax seed on stry, (?) unwinnowed on the Barn Floor.

1780 September 27 (Wednesday). I obtained of My Neighbor *Newton* to send his Boys, John and Stephen to pick Apples and carry a Load, with Barrells to make Cyder at Mr. Frost's Mill.

1780 October 23 (Monday). After much Anxiety and Trouble, Capt. Wood's two sons work for me in my small Ingathering, Apples and Potatoes.

1780 October 24 (Tuesday). They come again and finish Beeton field and Orchard. Rev. Mr. Lamson, returning from Connecticut, calls here and Ben Wood goes with my few Apples and Barrells at evening to Mr. Frost's.

1780 November 24 (Friday). Mr. Jonathan Childs brings and gives a Barrell of Cyder and a Bag of Apples.

1781 October 19 (Friday). Mr. Joseph Harrington brought me a Barrel of Cyder and a Bag of Apples. He also brought a Barrel of Cyder from Mr. Simon Forbes.

