

## Ashes

1749 May 19 (Friday). Daniel carry'd out the whole of our Ashes upon the New Ground, planted with Indian Corn.

1754 June 10 (Monday). My son Thomas help'd me. Had Mr. Williams's Cart and Oxen to carry out the ashes to the Island Field.

1754 October 28 (Monday). Mr. Henry Barns, Merchant in Marlborough, here. Is about to set up the Pot Ash Business in Hopkinton.

1755 June 5 (Thursday). Mr. John Rogers and Rody Smith digging Stones. Billy brought over Rails from t'other Place, and carry'd out Ashes to the Cook Field, and laid 'em on the New-broke ground.

1757 June 3 (Friday). *Alex.* and *Breck* carry Ashes in the wheel barrow to the Field and lay it on the Indian Corn.

1757 June 4 (Saturday). The Boys carry Ashes. The Dryness of the Earth increases.

1764 July 3 (Tuesday). Eli Medcalf works here in ashing the Corn.

1764 August 16 (Thursday). Capt. *Woods Pot-Ash at work*. I was there to See it. *Brewer* the workman, to manage it. Messrs. *Holbrook* and *Surcomb* return and dine with me. At Eve I wait upon 'em to Capt. Woods, they having never seen the working of Pot-ash. They were now smelting. These Gentlemen tarry with us over Night.

1765 June 19 (Wednesday). Thomas Arnold with Capt. Woods oxem p.m. fetches 3 Load of the Soaked Ashes from the Potash works.

1765 June 20 (Thursday). Thomas fetches 3 Load more of Ashes etc.

1765 June 21 (Friday). Thomas and John finish laying Ashes on the Corn and ploughed and hoed.

1766 August 25 (Monday). We hear that Solomon Prentice of Grafton, a Youth, fell with one Foot into the boiling Kittle of Potash.

1766 October 10 (Friday). Visit at Mr. Hardys. We dine at our son Baldwins. Each of my Children being together, and Dr. Throop entertains us with vocal and instrumental musick after Dinner. We were at the *Potash* to see the Melting off. We again lodge there.

1766 October 27 (Monday). A.M. Visited Several of my son's Neighbours Places, particularly Mr. Samuel Browns. Went to the *Pot-Ash Works* near my son's.

1767 February 20 (Friday). Send a Load of Ashes to Capt. Wood.

1767 September 9 (Wednesday). Reckoned and Settled with Neighbour Jonathan Wood, except as to Soap and Ashes.

1774 September 17 (Saturday). P.M. Came my Kinsman *Bradshaw* and with him my Granddaughter *Molly* (daughter of my Son *Ebenezer*) whom he has married. They have been to Providence to dispose of Potash and buy Goods -- and to *Stoughtonham* to visit his Parents etc.

1781 March 17 (Saturday). N.B. Neighbour *Harrington* wheels home a Quantity of my Ashes, to his Wifes soap-boiling.