

Axes

1736 April 10 (Saturday). I rode down to Mr. Smith's (the Ax-Smiths) and thence home.

1747 December 12 (Saturday). Very Cold. Old Mr. Maynard came repeatedly and chop'd wood for us at the Door, Ebenezer not being able to handle an Ax to any purpose -- but he tends the Cattle.

1756 December 22 (Wednesday). Breck is brought home from Ebenezer because he is Lame, having cut his right Legg with an Ax, before the former Sore on his left is healed.

1765 March 9 (Saturday). Dr. *Hawes*, having visited Neighbour *Adam Rice*, who has grievously cut his Foot with an Ax, dines here.

1766 January 6 (Monday). Rev. Mr. Pain of Sturbridge came from Sutton this extreme Cold Morning, and was at Breakfast with us. Wrote by Mr. John Forbes to his Uncle Eli. Sent by him Brightlands Grammar to John Potter: And an Ax to Mr. Wymans to be new laid, again.

1766 January 10 (Friday). Breck laying that part of the Garrett Floor which is behind the Chimney. In the Evenings he trims out a great Number of Ax Halves.

1769 February 27 (Monday). *Ebenezer Maynard* junior here. I hire him to live with me Six Months from the first of April to the first of October. He is to fill up the Week Days, and make allowance if he be not well and able to work. He is also to find an Ax; I am to find other Tools -- Diet, Washing, etc., and give him 10£ Lawfull money.

1769 April 5 (Wednesday). *Ebenezer Maynard* is cutt in his Ankle by Johns Ax flying out of his Hands, as he was driving a Post, and glanc'd with great force to *Ebbe* on t'other side the Fence. It happened about 11 o 'Clock a.m.

1773 March 18 (Thursday). By a Letter from my Son Ebenezer am informed that one of his little Boys (*Neddy*) with a sharp Ax, cut two of *Lewis's* fingers almost off. Viz. the fore and middle Fingers of his right Hand.

1776 June 18 (Tuesday). Mr. *Peter Adams* was yesterday Sorely wounded in one of his Ankles, by a broad Ax. I therefore went to See him.

1776 December 17 (Tuesday). *James Hicks* has cut his Ankle with an Ax when he was at the ministerial Lot with Williams.

1780 October 24 (Tuesday). Breck cut his Foot with an Ax.