

Beef

1724 January 10 (Friday). In the Morning I was appointed to go back to Mr. How's (upon Mr. Cushing's Horse) to Bring Madame Graves in Company with Mr. Barrett and Madame, Old Mr. How and his Wife. We din'd at Mr. Whooods Upon roast Goose, roast Pea hen, Bak'd Stuff'd Venison, Beef, Pork, etc. After Dinner we Smoak'd a Pipe, read Governor Shute's¹ Memorial to the King and Mr. Cushing and I rode home. This Eve I visited Old Mr. Rice.² Ensign Newton³ was with him. I borrow'd an Horse of him for my Service to Marlborough and to Stow. I returned Mr. Pratt's⁴ Horse, which I had Us'd through all these Frolicks, by his young Son. In the Morning I rode to Marlborough. After Dinner (upon Roast Beef) with Mr. Breck, and our Concerting Measures upon Changing, Mr. Breck rode away for Westborough.

1726 April 28 (Thursday). I rode down to Marlborough and preach'd the Lecture from Acts 16.24. After Lecture I paid Colonel How⁵ £3.10 for Beef I had of him and Mr. Wood 20£, which (with 10£ at one time and 20£ at another before) made up the 50£ which I borrowed of him last Year. I paid him the Interest also which was 1£ 25 Shillings. I made up with him also for Sundrys had in his Shop.

1726 November 14 (Monday). I rode to Marlborough. I met Mr. Cushing a little before we Came to Mr. Brecks. We were Disappointed in our Visit to Mr. Breck, He being gone to Boston. We went to Mr. Woods',⁶ and to Mr. Thomas's,⁷ the last having been very ill, and continuing under Confinement. Mr. Cushing went away for Lancaster when I went into Colonel Hows⁸ to clear off my Beef Score, and thence I returned immediately home.

1736 November 12 (Friday). Very early in the Morning I sent *David* to Mr. Wheelers to bring from thence a Fat Cow. Mr. Tainter and David my Butchers.

1736 November 13 (Saturday). Mr. Tainter came and Cut out and salted up my Beef.

1737 November 11 (Friday). I was at Mr. Grout's about Beef.

¹Governor Samuel Shute of Mass.

²Thomas Rice of Westborough. See Andrew H. Ward, *A Genealogical History of the Rice Family* (Boston, 1858).

³Thomas Newton of Westborough.

⁴John Pratt of Westborough.

⁵Thomas Howe of Marlborough, an Indian fighter, Justice of the Peace, and representative of the town. Hudson, *Marlborough*, pp. 382-383

⁶Benjamin Woods of Marlborough.

⁷William Thomas of Marlborough.

⁸Thomas Howe of Marlborough.

1738 November 27 (Monday). Mr. Tainter⁹ alone my Butcher in killing the old Cow. Weight 327, Tallow 42, Hide 50. Sold the hide to Captain Eager for 25 Shillings.

1738 November 28 (Tuesday). Mr. Taynter and his wife here cutting up and Salting down my Beef.

1740 October 30 (Thursday). Mr. Tainter, Mr. Harrington,¹⁰ Mr. Aaron Forbush and Warrin came to take down my wild steer. They perswaded me rather to fell [sell?] him and buy my Beef notwithstanding the keeping I had bestow'd and I consented and Sold him to Mr. Harrington for £13.

1740 December 4 (Thursday). Mr. Tainter brought home Two of my Calves which he had kept a long time for me -- and brought a Fat Cow from Neighbour Beriah Rice's and with Mr. Harringtons help kill'd her. Weight 17 1/2 Score. Tallow 35, and the Hide 56.

1740 December 5 (Friday). Eve Mr. Tainter came and cutt and salted up my Beef.

1742 November 15 (Monday). Mr. David Mainard junior¹¹ and his Brother Ebenezer with Neighbour Hezekiah Pratt came and killed a Cow for Me. N.B. Had a Calf within her, nigh ripe for Birth -- The Cow weighed 18 Score and 11 Pound.

1742 November 16 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Pratt and Ebenezer Mainard cut out and Salted up my Beef for me.

1744 January 30 (Monday). Another Town Meeting upon my support etc. They voted but £200 -- Old Tenor. The North Side very Resolute. They urg'd that the Town gave me last year more than I needed or desir'd, that provisions were cheaper, etc., whereas I never gave so much as for both my Beef and my Rie -- and also for Labour.

1745 October 14 (Monday). Early to Mr. Grouts to look at some Beef -- he came to look of one of my own Cows to pass his Judgment. I took his advice and determin'd on my own.

1746 October 13 (Monday). At Eve had a Quarter of Beef from Mr. Jonah Warrin.

1747 September 16 (Wednesday). 26 pound of Beef of Mr. Rogers at 12 pence pound.

1747 October 12 (Monday). In the morning I rode to Lieutenant Tainters, who had kill'd a mutton and they put up a side of it in my portmantle. I brought it home. Had a Quarter of Beef of Mr. Jonah Warrin. Price of both the Mutton and Beef 12 d.

⁹Deacon Simon Tainter.

¹⁰Samuel Harrington.

¹¹Daniel Mainard, Jr.

1747 December 7 (Monday). Captain Maynard here at Eve whilst I sold Mr. Jonah Warrin (of whom, and his son Elijah, I had this last Fall 178£ of Beef at 12 d. per pound) Two Steers, one coming 3, the other coming 2 for 21£ old Tenor. Twas Captain Maynards Judgment that they were worth so much, and offer'd to give it for 'em if he hadn't 'em. N.B. I offer'd the Captain pay for keeping the Horses I sent to him at Thanksgiving Time, but he would not take it.

1749 October 30 (Monday). Ebenezer first help'd Mr. Edwards Whipple kill a Beeve and then Mr. Whipple came and help'd him kill a Young Heiffer for me.

1749 December 6 (Wednesday). Neighbour Hezekiah How and Neighbour Daniel Warrin assist my son in killing 3 Swine, one weighing above nine, another above 7, another almost 4 Score. Foreseeing I must give some of my Corn to my Cattle and Horses by reason of the shortness of Hay, I chose to kill my Pork early though it be small -- have laid up the more Beef.

1750 October 16 (Tuesday). I din'd at Ensign Millers. We are so out of Meat in the Family that I bought a Quarter of Beef of him.

1751 October 22 (Tuesday). At the Widow Beeman's (who was very bountiful, Sending Pork, Beef, and Cheese to my Wife).

1751 October 31 (Thursday). Billy brought over a side of Beef.

1751 November 11 (Monday). In the Morning it rain'd. But so heavy did the Affair of Sudbury lie upon us that Mr. Martyn and I determin'd to ride to Southborough and Conferr with Mr. Stone who was another sent to: we stop'd at my other House where were Messrs. Noah How and Daniel Garfield junior who at this Time bought my Fat Steer -- agreed to give 13 pence old Tenor for him Hide Beef and Tallow.

1752 January 1 (Wednesday). Ebenezer came over with a side of Beef, being part of our Chamberlin Cow.

1752 December 30 (Saturday). Billy face remains So broke out that it is very Sore, but goes up to Mr. Winchesters in Grafton. John Maynard tertius brings a piece of Beef. It may be noted and remember'd that I have receiv'd from the people above an hundred Valuable Presents and kind Assistances, which I have writ down, Since August 3, when I began to be confin'd by Rheumatism. I desire to take a grateful Notice herefor. Would bless God who has inclin'd and open'd their Hearts hereunto. May God be pleas'd to reward them abundantly for all their Bountys, and give me and mine the Grace to make a right use and Improvement of them!

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 January 7 (Wednesday). Another fine Day; but can't get any body to work on my Kitchin. N.B. *John Maynard*, Capt. *Maynards* Grandson, came with a present of Beef and Sewet; but he especially brought from his Grandmother 2 and 1/2 Yards of black, home-made Cloth, to make me a Jacket: it is of fine Wool, and is well wrought -- a worthy Token of her Goodness! May God return it in Spiritual Blessings in heavenly Things in Christ Jesus!

1756 October 4 (Monday). At Eve a Quarter of Beef (weighed 107) of Mr. Nathan Maynard.

1756 December 15 (Wednesday). Ebenezer brought me a side of Beef being part of his own steer weighed 220 (both of them).

1756 December 27 (Monday). N.B. My son *Ebenezer* here and brings 4 Quarters of Beef, being two Quarters more than I expected. They weighed 450 lb. He brought the Hide; weighed 74 lbs. Tallow but 28 pounds.

1757 September 29 (Thursday). Had a Quarter of Beef of Mr. Jonah Warren -- *weighed* about 104.

1757 October 28 (Friday). Had a Quarter of Beef of Mr. Williams; weighed 76 @ 1/ old Tenor. Eleazar brought it.

1758 February 28 (Tuesday). At Eve Deacon *Bond*, [Mr.?] *Hammond*. The former gives me a Dollar towards paying for my Mare; the Latter brings a present of Beef, and Seems to be reconciled.

1759 January 2 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter kills my Fatt Heiffer. Joseph Gamel helps him -- and they dine here.

1759 January 3 (Wednesday). At Eve Deacon *Burnap* of *Hopkinton* and Deacon Tainter comes and weighs and cutts out my Beef. Weight was 19 Score and Eight pound, the Quarters -- 35 lb. Tallow.

1759 October 1 (Monday). I rode to t'other House, and to Mr. Phinehas Maynards to get Beef and send by him a Letter to Mr. Lull of Ware River.

1759 December 8 (Saturday). Mr. Timothy Warrin a Load of Wood a.m. Mr. Tainter another p.m. We have thirteen in Family -- and no Beef provided nor brought in except a piece Mr. Hezekiah Pratt brings to roast (he says) for Billys coming home. Our Cows give but little Milk. No body engages to get my Wood. Nor have we any Tallow. My Wife sends to Capt. Fays Wife to spare her some (for money) and she sends her an handsome present of Beef, Sewet, Tallow and a Cheese. Nor am I out of Hopes respecting other needed Articles, Since I am in the Hands

of a carefull, Watchfull, faithfull, and bountful Providence. Only the Lord grant me the Faith to live to and upon Him; to hope and Trust in Him as I ought to do!

1759 December 10 (Monday). Got Mr. Joseph Baker to go to Mr. Jonah Warrins and view a Young Beeve. Mr. Baker returns that it is not good Beef, nor can he advise me to have her. I conform to his Judgment and Send him a Negative.

1760 January 3 (Thursday). Dr. Crosby here, and brings a piece of Beef.

1760 January 9 (Wednesday). Mr. Edmund Rice came with a Side of Cow Beef which I bought of him. One Quarter weighed 83, the other 80. It was not good enough, but I gave him 18d per pound. Paid him by Note to the Collector Ebenezer Maynard. Mr. Elijah Rice here and cutt the Beef out for me fit for salting.

1760 October 31 (Friday). N.B. A Quarter of Beef from Seth Miller, @ 1/6 per pound. Weighed 117 Pound.

1760 December 31 (Wednesday). Received two hind Quarters of Beef from Joseph Baker, weighed 347 at 19d.

1761 March 3 (Tuesday). N.B. I payed Seth Miller 8£ 18/6 Old Tenor for Beef of him Oct. 31 last.

1764 September 27 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter here. His Son Supplys me with a Quarter of Beef. Weighs 82 lbs. Part with 40 lb. to Neighbour Lock. Deacon Cutts our Beef out. He dines with us.

1764 November 20 (Tuesday). Billy has a side of Beef of Mr. Samuel Forbush. 240 lb.

1764 November 23 (Friday). Deacon Tainter and Artemas Bruce kill my Bell-Cow.

1764 November 24 (Saturday). Deacon comes again very kindly to weigh, cutt out and salt up my Beef. The Cow weighs 424 lbs. Lend Mr. Tainter one Quarter.

1765 February 5 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter brought a Quarter of Beef which he borrowed of us. He dined here and carryed me, also *Sarah* and *Sophy* to Mr. *Jonah Warrins* where I preached on Heb. 12.15.

1765 April 15 (Monday). Billy and Breck leave us to go to Townshend. They Expect John Maynard setts out from his Fathers with a Waggon to Carry (what was moved from here last Saturday) Beef, Pork and many other stores -- and Joseph Warrin (son of Mr. Timothy) hired by Billy goes with them.

1765 September 28 (Saturday). A Quarter of Beef from Lt. Baker. Weighed 90 lbs.

1765 December 24 (Tuesday). Mr. Joseph Grout comes with a Quarter of Beef for me. Weight 132. Another for Billy. Weight 140. At 16d old Tenor.

1765 December 30 (Monday). When I returned found Deacon Tainter here, who with Lt. Baker, has killed the Cow which Lieutenant has had in keeping till now. Deacon rode my Horse home. Am much beholden to him for so much Goodness as well as to Lt. Baker who has pastured and fatted the Cow and charges me only two Dollars.

1765 December 31 (Tuesday). Deacon came and cut out and salted my Beef -- that is 3 Quarters. He carries home one Quarter which I borrowed, through his Instigation, of his son. She weighed 20 score and 13 lb. Deacon dined here -- then carried the skin (which weighed 58 lbs.) to Silas Hill to be tanned. Tallow but 33 lb. The Lord reward these generous Men!

1766 September 20 (Saturday). A.M. I went to Mr. Beetons for some Beef.

1766 November 15 (Saturday). Had of Mr. Morse half a Quarter of Beef. Weighed 37 lb.

1766 December 1 (Monday). Deacon Tainter and Capt. Wood killed a young Ox for me. Weighed 21 Score.... Mr. Seth Morse brings me a Quarter of Beef of 94 lbs. at 15d Old Tenor.

1766 December 2 (Tuesday). *Buy a store shoat* of Mr. *John Brigham* and Mr. [blank] Stimpson Drovers -- weighed 70 lbs. at 16d old Tenor. Deacon Tainter cuts and salts my Beef. He dines here.

1767 November 10 (Tuesday). Deacon Wood and Mr. David Maynard killed an Ox for me. The Weight of the Quarters, was 583 lb. And the Hide was 86. The Butchers dined with me and Deacon Wood asked me to be at his House on Thursday next, to dine there at one o'Clock: but did not say any Thing of the Occasion.

1767 November 11 (Wednesday). Richard Temple who by Reason of the Rain, could do but little about my Flax (having cutt out my Beef last Evening), Salted it a.m. and it clearing away p.m. he went to Swingling.

1768 November 18 (Friday). Mr. Morse came to offer me Beef -- I buy a Quarter @ 1/3. Mr. Phinehas Maynard came upon the Same Errand: but am supplied.

1768 November 19 (Saturday). Mr. Morse brings home the Beef -- weighs 108 lbs. He brings 1/2 bushel of Salt (which is 14/) and he cutts out the Meat.

1768 December 12 (Monday). Deacon Wood and Mr. Tainter killed a Cow for me -- weighed, the Quarters 332. And an Hog.

1768 December 13 (Tuesday). Deacon Wood, Mr. Tainter and Mr. Zebulun Rice here to cutt out and salt up my Beef and Pork, which was killed yesterday. The Cow's Quarters weighed [blank]. The Hog weighed 253.

1769 February 11 (Saturday). *John* carries £6.15.5 old Tenor to Mr. John Kelly of Northborough being in full for Beef and Tallow of him.

1769 October 5 (Thursday). Had a Quarter of Beef of Mr. Seth Morse, wt. 120 at 3 Coppers.

1769 November 30 (Thursday). Deacon Wood killed a Cow for me, which I had some Years ago of Mr. Moses Twitchell. Mr. N. Whitney assisted a while but Word came that Mr. *Jonah Warrin* was in a Fit, at his (Mr. Whitney's) House. He therefore left us; And then Mr. Ezra Baker came and helped. Deacon and he dined here. P

1769 December 1 (Friday). Deacon Wood came here very kindly to cut out and Salt up my Beef: He supped here.

1770 March 5 (Monday). Gave Notes to sundry persons that I was indebted to.

Viz. To Mr. Seth Morse for Beef and Tallow, £9.1.6 old Tenor.

To Mr. Daniel Stockwell Shooemaker, 12.2.0 Ditto.

To Solomon Batherick for Rails and thrashing, 51/ Do.

1770 October 18 (Thursday). *Deacon Wood*, Lt. Baker, Mr. Daniel Hardy and his son Adams came about 2 p.m. to See if it would do to husk; for the Weather was misty. I wholly left the Matter with them to do as they inclined. They went to the Barn. I chose to attend as closely as I could to my Study. There came some Number more, viz. Mr. Ebenezer Maynard, Barnabas Newton, Thomas Bond, Moses Wheelock, Thomas Arnold, Silas Hill, Levi Warrin, Nathan Kenny, Joseph McCulloch, Benjamin Wood (who lives with his uncle), Ebenezer junior, Nathan junior, Jonathan, Nehemiah, Stephen, Calvin, Daniel Maynard, Benjamin Taynter junior, Daniel Adams junior, John McCulloch, Jacob and Aaron Foster, Abijah Gale (N. Kennys Lad) and Sherebiah Fay. Messrs. Baker, Newton and Bond provided a Small Quarter of Beef about 60 weight and gave it. Also the former brought a Basket of excellent sauce, Carrots and Turnips. May God reward him and them, for so great Kindness and Generousness!

1770 November 7 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. *Seth Morse* brought a side of Beef, weighed 117 lb., each Quarter at 3 Coppers per pound.

1770 November 8 (Thursday). Deacon Wood came and cutt out and Salted up the Beef which I lately bought of Mr. Morse. Lt. Harrington was here and helped.

1770 December 25 (Tuesday). *Elisha Forbes* brings a Quarter of Beef. Weighed 86. [*Marginal notation*: This Beef came on the 26.]

1770 December 26 (Wednesday). Mr. *Joseph Grout* supplies me with a side of Beef, at 15d per pound. Weight 192 lb. Sold 3 Geese at 15/ apiece to Deacon *Wood*.

1770 December 27 (Thursday). Deacon *Wood* going to *Boston* I wrote by him to my son *Samuel*. Lent the Deacon 5 Dollars.... At Eve Mr. *Thaddeus Warrin* came and cut out and Salted up 3 Quarters of Beef.

1771 February 18 (Monday). At Eve reckoned with Mr. Seth Morse and pay him by a Note to Constable Daniel Nurse -- for 234 lbs. of Beef, @ 15d which came to £14.12.6. Also 11 1/2 lbs. Tallow @ 3/6. £2.0.0 and Sugar 7 lbs. £1.2.6. Add weaving £2.0.0. In all £19.15.0 old Tenor in full.

1771 October 7 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Seth Morse brought a Quarter of Beef, weighed 82 -- at 3 Coppers.

1771 November 25 (Monday). A number of Teams brought me Wood from the ministerial Lot. I rode to Cornet Brigham's about his son *Elijahs* going to *Monadnock*, and helping *Breck* in his Journey home. Mrs. *Mary Harrington*, Wife of Mr. *John Harrington*, was here, was examined and approved. The Teams which brought Wood were Capt. Maynard's drove by *Solomon Maynard* and Came three times. Deacon *Wood*, Messrs. Ebenezer Maynard, Phinehas Maynard, Benjamin Warrin, Ebenezer Forbush, Seth Morse, George Andrews, Timothy Warrin, Abijah Gale, Benjamin Tainter, Thomas Bond, Joseph Bond, Lt. Harrington, Lieutenant Baker, and Abraham Beeman, all came twice; and Abraham Bond once. The *Cutters* were Joseph Harrington, Eli Harrington, [blank] Davis, Antipas Maynard, Edward Gay (for himself), John McCulloch for Deacon *Wood*; Benjamin Ball for Mr. Morse, Mr. Timothy Warrin junior, Samuel Andrews, Jonathan Maynard, Benjamin Tainter, these three (I suppose) for their Fathers, and Nathaniel Chamberlin for Lt. Baker. They cutt in and carted from the Ministerial Lot. They Supped here at Evening except a few, viz. Messrs. Abraham Bond, Abraham Beeman and Benjamin Ball, that went home with their Teams. Seven Quarts of Rum were sent and given. Capt. Brigham sent a Loin of Mutton and Capt. Maynard 22 1/2 lbs. of Beef.

1771 December 2 (Monday). Mr. Seth Morse brought me a side of Beef which I buy of him for 16d old Tenor per pound. It weighed 226 lbs. I gave him a Note to Constable Levi Warrin for £21.5.1 old Tenor.

1771 December 5 (Thursday). Deacon *Wood* at Eve with Brecks help, cutts out and Salts down a Side of Beef for me.

1772 October 30 (Friday). Neighbours Newton and Joseph Bond killed my Brown steer of 4 Years, being good Beef.

1774 January 21 (Friday). I bought a young Store Sow of Mr. *Thaddeus Warrin*, weighed 120 at 17 per pound. Mr. Edwards Whipple here with piece of Beef. Mr. Thomas Bond with Spare Rib.

1774 December 13 (Tuesday). Settle with him as to his fat Cow at 17d, Hide, Beef and Tallow. Pay him 4 Dollars and 9¹/₁₀ on Watsons Note, which I delivered to him to carry to *Alexander* and he leaves us for *Brookfield*.

1775 March 4 (Saturday). Mr. Thomas Bond here. I owe him £4.13.0 old tenor for Beef, but he gives me a Dollar of it, and takes an order for only 48/.

1776 January 3 (Wednesday). Mr. Cullock comes and cutts out and Salts up our Pork: and Mr. Elisha Forbes with a variety of worthy presents to Me, Cheese, Beef etc.

1776 June 18 (Tuesday). Squire *Baker* is building a great Store House, especially for Beef and Pork for the Army.

1776 October 4 (Friday). Have 34 Pound of Beef from Mr. *Barnabas Newton*, at 18d.

1776 December 4 (Wednesday). Mr. Thaddeus Warrin came and helped me weigh, cutt out and Salt up my Beef.

1777 May 6 (Tuesday). I went to Squire *Bakers* to see his Daughter *Salley* remarkably recovered from the Small Pox and got home. N.B. The squires remarkable Generosity in giving me the Quarter of Beef which I had of him some Months agoe (Oct. 14 last, which weighed 121 lb.), and consents to take 3 young Creatures to pasture this Summer ensuing. He is also very providentially accommodated with an Opportunity to Supply me, which he does, with a Pair of black leather Breeches. Thanks to God for his Favour and Smiles this Day!

1777 November 11 (Tuesday). My Older Oxen are come from Squire *Bakers Templetown* Pasture; I went to the Squires, and committed them to him to kill and dispose of as He thinks best for my Advantage: but he must provide me a good Cow for my Beef, and I think I must have at least a side of one of them.

1778 July 20 (Monday). Went up to Squire *Bakers* to reckon with him about the Oxen he had of me last Fall, and Beef I had of him in the winter [following?] He was at home -- but we were not able to [finish the whole?].

1778 October 9 (Friday). *Elias* returned with the Four Cattle which he went for, viz. a Cow for Beef, a large Steer and two younger ones.

1778 November 20 (Friday). Messrs. Newton and Thad Warrin came and killed a fat cow for me.

1778 November 21 (Saturday). Mr. Joseph Harrington came to see me and talked about the late Grant of the Town and about the Singing. He brought an extraordinary Present of Butter! P.M. Mr. Caleb Harrington came kindly and cut out and Salted my Beef. I desire to praise God for all His Favour!

1778 December 4 (Friday). At eve came Mr. Elisha Forbes and his Wife to Visit us, and brought an extraordinary present. 31 pounds of Meat, Beef and Pork and a Cheese of 12 lbs., and supped with us. Mr. Forbes also offered that if I would take one of the Boston newspaper, he would pay for a year. May God reward his Benevolence and Generosity!

1779 August 24 (Tuesday). Mrs. P. is carried to Squire Baker's. At eve she returns with a present of Salt Beef and Six neets Tongues from the old Gentlewoman.

1779 October 11 (Monday). This day we cutt up, carted home and husked out our Indian Corn. Ephraim Tucker went with my Team and Deacon Wood with his. About nine dined here. There were forty or more of Men and Boys at Eve, and several Neighbors were so generous as to contribute to the Entertainment. Squire Baker above 50 lbs. of Meat, Mr. Ebenezer Forbes, Beef and 3 cabbages, Lt. Bond, Pork, Mr. Barnabas Newton, a Cheese, Breck, sufficient Rum. Through the Goodness of God we had a good crop, Sound Corn and the Joy of Harvest. To Him be all Honor and Glory! We sang latter part of Ps. 65.

1779 December 14 (Tuesday). Mr. Elisha Parker brought me several worthy presents, Beef and Tea, 10 lb. of one, 1/2 lb. t'other.

1780 December 18 (Monday). P.M. was a Town Meeting to raise Men for the Continental Army -- to provide Beef for the Army etc.

1780 December 22 (Friday). Town Meeting by Adjournment to endeavor to raise Recruits for the Continental Army; also Quota of Beef and to purchase Corn for the payment of 3 months' men.

1781 February 6 (Tuesday). I rode up to squire Bakers who tells me again that he will send me a side of Beef.

1781 February 8 (Thursday). Mr. *Joseph Grout* brought me a choice piece of Beef: as did Squire *Baker* a Number of Pieces (Salted) in a Barrell.

1781 March 14 (Wednesday). I passed over to the [*blot*], who Sent a large Quarter of Beef, weighed 214 also an *Hear* [*blot*] weighed 16, and with them an *Head*. These I gratefully accepted as fulfilling what he had said of giving me a side of Beef: especially remembering he had not long Since sent me a Number of Pieces of salt Beef, till this Should come.

1781 July 9 (Monday). A Town Meeting to send Six more men to General Washington, to provide Beef, etc.

1782 January 8 (Tuesday). Mr. *Gale* here: brings Beef.