

Bees, Hives, Honey

1740 June 7 (Saturday). Captain [Samuel] Forbush gave me a Swarm of Bees.

1746 August 11 (Monday). Rode to Mr. Cooks, Captain Warrins, and then visited Mr. Amsdens Family, So marvellously preserv'd last Saturday in Time of most awful Thunder and Lightning. The Effect very noticeable -- a Furrow in the Ground of 30 feet -- the Boards of their Bee House Shiver'd and plough'd -- one Hive Split -- Two of the Posts of the Bee House Splitt also -- one of them from Top to Bottom etc. May God sanctifie his providence to them! May we all Truly Fear this Great Omnipotent Being and be ever ready for His Will.

1746 September 19 (Friday). Took up our old Hive of Bees which was pritty well Honey'd.

1746 September 23 (Tuesday). At Eve I was very faint, and my feverishness greatly increas'd -- but I bestir'd myself what I could. Took up an Hive of Bees. Was as chearfull as I could in Conversation.

1747 April 16 (Thursday). Early in the Morning Mr. Goss and I rode to Mr. Seccombs, and breakfasted there. N.B. brought from thence several books -- Seldons Table Talk: Warders Monarchy of Bees etc. And from his Garden Box trees and a Variety of Curious Graffs etc.

1749 March 17 (Friday). Neighbour Rogers salted down our pork, and Mr. Daniel Warrin of Shrewsbury brought me an Hive of Bees.

1750 September 28 (Friday). We took up 3 Hives of Bees.

1751 January 22 (Tuesday). The early Morn began with Storm....In the Storm, Two Apple Trees (which were defective) were blown down; the Roof of the Bee House was blown off.

1751 June 25 (Tuesday). Another Swarm of Bees, or Two which Captain Maynard hives -- and is much Stung.

1754 July 13 (Saturday). I hiv'd a Swarm of Bees my Self, my sons both of them gone to the Island.

1754 October 1 (Tuesday). Was up at 4, morning, and Saw the Eclipse: and before Light took up a large, well-fill'd Hive of Bees.

1756 May 19 (Wednesday). N.B. We had a swarm of Bees thus early.

1756 June 12 (Saturday). Mr. Aaron Nurse makes a Bee Hive to be ready against the Bees swarming again. He dines here.

1756 June 17 (Thursday). N.B. Bees Swarmed; and flew off, notwithstanding my Hopes and Desires.

1756 August 17 (Tuesday). I have taken Sweet Oil and Honey, and it has some what relieved my Throat.

1767 December 10 (Thursday). At Eve *John* and *Richard* bring an Hive of Bees which Mr. *Parker* makes me a present of.

1767 January [??] (Monday). Read Miller's Essay on the Management of *Bees*; published in the year 1760.

1776 September 20 (Friday). We took up but one Hive of Bees, there being but little Honey in it -- have but little profit in keeping them.

1777 July 9 (Wednesday). It rained in the Morning but the showers intermitted -- sun shined so as that my Bees swarmed -- no body to help, till Mr. *Belknap* accidentally came. I had sent for Neighbour *Harrington*, who came and they hiv'd the [swarme?]. Mr. *Belknap* dined with me.

1778 June 25 (Thursday). I was Stung by a Bee yesterday Morning on my right Eye Brow: it proved so troublesome last night, and Swelled this morning So as to Shut out the Light wholly from that Eye. Yet I pursued my Journey to *Worcester*.

1778 October 1 (Thursday). Capt. *Fisher*, being upon a Bee-Hunting desires me to fasten up my Bees till 8 o'Clock, which I gratify him in. He would fain distinguish between what are my property, and those that are wild, that he may take the latter.

1779 April 14 (Wednesday). Fine weather. Gardening, plant Trees. Move the Bees.

1777 July 10 (Thursday). Was at Mr. *Lambsons* for hives.

1780 July 3 (Monday). Much hindered by both the old and the young Bees swarming.

1782 September 20 (Friday). At Eve Mr. *Hazzletine* -- Supper Honey.