

Butter

1746 September 15 (Monday). Mrs. Fay (Captain's Wife) here, with a large Present, viz. a Cheese, 3 pounds Butter and Two Considerable pieces of Salt Pork.

1749 August 23 (Wednesday). Mr. Francis Whipple's wife here and brought us about 2 pound Butter, and Rebecca Warrin brought a small Cheese and some Cucumbers, but nothing else was brought by anybody for the Thanksgiving.

1751 June 26 (Wednesday). Mr. Stephen Maynard here, and we reckon'd. His Mother also was here. N.B. Their Extraordinary bountifulness in the Reckoning particularly in sinking the account of 43 pounds of Butter to 23, and this at 4/ per pound when I suppose the price is not much less than 5/ -- and in throwing in the bringing up of the Box of Glass for my New House; and in some other Respects, which Things are besides many presents of Meat, Cheese etc.

1752 May 15 (Friday). Mr. Zebulon Rice at the Frame. Added to him afterwards were, Mr. Batherick, Mr. Grow -- old Mr. Graves, and Mr. Simon Tainter -- who work'd and din'd with us. In the afternoon by the help of a Sufficient Number of Hands (about 70 Great and Small) we rais'd the Barn. 30 feet long and 28 wide -- and through the Goodness of God there was no Evil Accident. I had provided only for about a Score, yet I hope no one went away without some refreshment. It was only Cake and Cheese and Butter etc.

1755 June 27 (Friday). We broke up about an Acre and half, behind the Meeting House. Our Team was of 20 Oxen. Captain Fay with 4. Lieutenant Brigham with 4. Deacon Bond 2. Lieutenant Tainter 2. Mr. Zebulun Rice 2. Ensign Miller 2. Mr. Samuel Hardy 2. My son Ebenezer 2. The Men who came were Captain Fay, Lieutenant Brigham, Lieutenant Maynard, Isaac Miller, the Lads were Thomas Bond, Joseph Rice son of Mr. Ebenezer Rice and had Lieutenant Maynards Plough. Lieutenant Maynard also at his Cost hir'd Mr. John Rogers p.m. to work for me among them. At Eve Captain Maynard Sent Quarter Veal and Several Pounds of Butter -- all this was given freely.

1757 June 8 (Wednesday). Capt. Baldwin (who came a Little after Midnight) to Day takes his Wife out in a Chair, and they ride over to Mr. *Martyns* -- and return at Evening. P.M. came his Father and Mother; and at Evening his Uncle *Samuel* (with whom he served apprenticeship). They Supped and lodged here. I would view the kind Hand of Providence that when I was Somewhat put to't for fresh Meat, Mr. *Maynard* kindly Sent me a Quarter of veal and some Butter. Mrs. *Dolly Rice* an old Cheese.

1758 December 20 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter goes to Boston and carries divers sorts of Edibles for my Wife to Markett. Butter, Fowls....

1766 June 16 (Monday). P.M. Lt. Forbush here with a present of Butter, and is very good and friendly. I would thank God for it -- how good and pleasant etc.

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!