

### Calf and Calves

1726 June 16 (Thursday). N.B. We kill'd our Calf. The inability and negligence of Robert! An Exceeding Dry time.

1726 September 2 (Friday). Neighbor Pratt kill'd a Calf for me.

1736 May 21 (Friday). Mr. Tainter Cut my Calf and 5 Lambs.

1738 June 27 (Tuesday). Kill'd a Calf which at Eve (though an hot Season) I sent to Boston by John Rogers at Eve.

1739 April 1 (Sunday). N.B. My Young Red Cow brought a fine large Cow Calf.

1739 April 24 (Tuesday). My old Red Cow Calv'd a fine large Bull Calf.

1739 May 12 (Saturday). Youngest Calf being disorder'd and as we judg'd Tail soaken, we cut off the End of his Tail.

1739 September 26 (Wednesday). Ebenezer Maynard kill'd a Calf of 5 weeks old which came out of the woods. Weigh'd 57 1/2 pounds and he Carry'd it to Boston at night.

1740 October 31 (Friday). I bought a pair of Steer one coming 4 which I had for 11£ 5 Shillings, and another coming 5 which was valued at 12£ 10, for which I was to give him a Young Cow with Calf, valued at 8£ 10, and a Red Steer coming 4 valued at 7£ 15, and he to give me in money 3£ 15.

1740 November 12 (Wednesday). N.B. on the 12th Mr. Eliezer Rice here and took away my young brindled Cow, with Calf, and a young Steer coming 4, according to bargain for his Cattle. I am indebted to him 7.10.0 overplus.

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.

1742 November 2 (Tuesday). Sent my Mare again for Molly by Mr. Tainter by whom I sent a Calf to Markett.

1742 November 15 (Monday). Mr. David Mainard junior 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.

1747 November 30 (Monday). I am not a little concern'd about my keeping such a large Stock of Cattle for though I have sold a Cow and one of the last Spring Calves yet have we 18 Horn

Cattle besides our Horses and Sheep, and I fear my Hay will be short for them all. I therefore walk'd out toward Evening to see if I could either buy Hay or promote the Sale of Some of them or get some kept through the Winter.

1744 November 28 (Wednesday). Thomas consenting to carry a Calf for us to Boston, Neighbour Hezekiah How came and kill'd it, but by Reason of the bad weather Thomas deferr'd his going.

1744 November 29 (Thursday). Preach'd my Lecture myself, on Rom. 16.20 first part. Repeated from Heb. 13.20. Little Sarah greatly Exercis'd with Vomiting and purging. My wife detain'd from Lecture. Thomas to Boston with the Calf.

1746 April 24 (Thursday). Some bad News also from our own Family at Westborough That a few Days agoe my Young Cow (whose Calf was newly kill'd for the sake of the Milk) was a few Nights agoe drown'd in Mr. Barns's Swamp.

1747 March 9 (Monday). A.M. at Mr. Whipples and got him to come and kill a Calf of 7 weeks old for me, and he din'd with me, as did Mr. Prentice of Grafton who came down to see me under his heavy Burdens.

1747 March 10 (Tuesday). Neighbour Edwards Whipple carry'd his Loading to Boston on my Mare he taking with him my Calf to market it for me, and 70£ Old Tenor to Brother Samuel Parkman.

1747 March 12 (Thursday). At Home I found that Mr. Edwards Whipple had Come back from Boston last night. He sold my Calf for £3 2.6 without the Skin.

1748 April 6 (Wednesday). Ebenezer has been ploughing a little in the Days past, and now a little 3 yearling calves sick, probably with what they eat abroad yesterday.

1747 June 18 (Thursday). N.B. Neighbour Jonathan Rogers kill'd a Calf for me this morning. Captain Warrin and Neighbour How a Quarter apiece, Neighbour Chamberlin and Neighbour Cook a Quarter between them.

1747 October 6 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter here and cut a young Calf, and din'd here.

1747 November 3 (Tuesday). Brother Hicks and I reckon'd, about my Cattle which he had kept in the Summer and I pay'd him 33 shillings old Tenor for keeping Six: and we reckon'd also on account of the Cow that calv'd at his House, whose Calf he kill'd and whose milk he had till Ebenezer fetch'd the Cow home and he allow'd me but 3£ for both the Calf and the milk, but I yielded to anything he would propose least we should by Some Means or other get angry, which would be worse than all the Controversy was worth. I dreaded the dangerous Minute!

1747 November 12 (Thursday). N.B. On Monday morning last I Sold a Young Cow to Mr. John Chamberlin for 15£ old Tenor and last night a Spring Calf for 4£ of like money.

1748 May 2 (Monday). Ebenezer and he brought my Cow (with her Calf) that had been kept at Lieutenant Tainter's.

1748 June 7 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Joseph undertook to kill a Fatt Calf for me.

1749 November 24 (Friday). Lieutenant Ward left us towards noon, and Ensign Millar here and bought Two Spring Calves, for 6£ old Tenor.

1750 June 25 (Monday). Funeral of Joseph Rice's Child. N.B. At the House of Mourning heard the astonishing account of the fearful Judgment of God on Robert Woodberry of Beverly, who having in his Lifetime been us'd to profane Cursing, and wishing persons might go to Hell and blare like a Calf especially would often curse his worthy Mother in this Manner -- and carry'd it very basely and cruelly to his Wife, sicken'd and dy'd, and when the Corps had lain a Suitable Time to be laid out, a horrible Sound broke forth from the Corps, blaring like a Calf. This Story is Said to be sufficiently attested to be credited.

1751 February 2 (Saturday). At Eve in much Trouble. A Cow ready to Calve missing: and my young Horse lam'd himself in the Stable. He was hung by one of his fore feet in the floor of the Manger, and after much Striving fell down on the outside of the Manger, in great pain -- but was heard and Seasonably reliev'd -- but the Cow (which I bought of Mr. James Ball) missing all night though we search'd up and down the woods till about midnight, and considerable Snow upon the Ground.

1751 February 3 (Sunday). The little black Cow, missing last night, found this morning with a Calf, in the woods -- was late at meeting by Reason of tramping (in the Snow) so late last night.

1751 February 27 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter carry'd to Boston a Calf for me, which he came and kill'd last Night.

1751 March 2 (Saturday). Lieutenant Tainter here, who carry'd a Veal for us to Boston.

1751 May 4 (Saturday). We have now had five Calves, and four of them has [*sic*] come on Saturday.

1751 December 12 (Thursday). N.B. one of the Heifers which we have been wont to keep here, calv'd -- Samuel Bumpso kind and helpfull about the Calf -- that it may be Comfortable in the Hovel: Billy being gone to Mill at Southborough with the first Grist of Corn that we ever sent from this House.

1752 January 22 (Wednesday). N.B. Lieutenant Tainter carry'd to Boston a Calf for me which he killed the Eve before last.

1752 January 24 (Friday). At Eve Lieutenant Tainter from Boston where he had marketed a poor calf for me -- brought me Madera for Bitters.

1752 December 21 (Thursday). I went over to t'other House. My 3 sons are trimming over the New swamp the Ground being open and froze. I din'd there. I gave Ebenezer my Yoke of Oxen, and Two Young Heifers coming Two: also a last Year Calf.

1754 April 19 (Friday). Ebenezer's weak Cow brings a Calf.

1754 July 1 (Monday). Send Two Calves to be kept at t'other Place: Mr. Tainter assisted in getting them over and took my Mare to keep at his own Pasture.

1754 September 25 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Forbush kindly came and kill'd a fatt Calf for me.... Lieutenant Tainter carry'd down the Calf to Boston.

1755 September 10 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter kill'd a large Calf for me and carry'd part to Boston.

1756 June 12 (Saturday). Lt. Tainter kills a Calf for me.

1756 July 17 (Saturday). Lt. Tainter brings a Load of Wood, and kills a Calf for us.

1758 December 1 (Friday). Deacon *Tainter* having had my Mare to *Boston* and carried a Calf for us (for which he got 6£ without the Skin) returns....

1760 June 14 (Saturday). Mr. Thomas Hardy takes up an Heiffer and her Calf to my son Ebenezer. The last I give him, the first I lend him for this Year.

1761 April 8 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter killed a Calf for me and carryed 3 Quarters of it to Boston.

1764 June 16 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter kills a Calf for me.

1765 April 2 (Tuesday). Breck with Mr. Nathan Maynards Cattle and Mine, brings Timber and Hay from T'other House. Calves come home.

1765 June 27 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter kills a Calf for me and carries half of it to Boston for me.

1766 March 25 (Tuesday). I went p.m. to Mr. Joseph Greens and bought a Cow of him -- 6 years old for 27£ if I take her away now -- 28 if he keeps her till She Calves and if She does well. I take him at this last, and he is to hazzard her, and help drive her and the Calf home to me.

1766 April 28 (Monday). The Cow I bought of Mr. Joseph Green (Price 28£ old Tenor) was brought home with her Calf -- and I paid him for them, except [*blank*].

1766 May 9 (Friday). Billy Sets out on his Journey to Townshend, with his Cart and Oxen, and my Steers to make out his Team. He carries various Goods -- his Desk, Curtains, Chairs, etc. *John* also goes with him to help drive his Cow and Calf, and two Yearling Heifers of mine.

1766 July 12 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter kills a Calf for me.

1766 December 5 (Friday). Mr. Temple here, talks of buying my Single Ox, and my Calf.

1766 December 9 (Tuesday). Mr. *Temple* here, and takes my Calf to keep through the Winter at 6 Coppers per week.

1767 July 21 (Tuesday). N.B. Capt. Wood had been here and killed a fine Calf for me. The Quarters weighed 72 lb. The skin 10 lb.

1768 May 4 (Wednesday). William takes away his White Cow and her Calf. John goes with him, and they drive before them my Nurse Cow and two yearlings to summer at Ashby.

1770 January 15 (Monday). John being confined, having taken another Portion of physick, and the Bucket of the Lower Well having dropt in, the Cattle (17 Head) were drove to the ponds in the South Pasture; but it was very icy and Slippery under the Snow, so that the *Pied Cow* (as She is called), somewhat heavy with Calf, fell in to the water, and her hinder parts were covered. We were alarmed. Mr. Edmund Chamberlin helped her out. The most of the Cattle were afraid to go to drink. Was obliged to go to Neighbour Arnolds for assistance to get up the Bucket. John Arnold succeeds in it, and in fastening it on the Pole. It is with considerable Exertment that my two Boys, this cold Day, get their work done.

1771 March 16 (Saturday). Deacon Wood kills a Calf for me. Mr. Joseph Harrington takes it to market it for me.

1771 May 8 (Wednesday). *William Sergeant*, Apprentice to my son *Alexander*, came from *Leicester*, lodges here.

1771 May 9 (Thursday). His Errand he obtains, viz. to drive up *Alexanders* Cow and Calf and with them a Shoat which I have given him. He goes off with them -- and my Son *Elias* to assist him.

1771 May 18 (Saturday). Mr. *Peter Adams* here and takes the Care of driving one of my Cows (which is with Calf) to Mr. *Cushing* at *Ashburnham* that he may have the Benefit of her the ensuing summer. My son *Elias* goes with Mr. *Adams* to assist in driving the Cow as far as Mr. *Eliezar Pratts* -- the intention being to set out from thence next Monday morning.

1771 September 6 (Friday). *Joseph* goes to *Leicester* for a Cow and Calf, which he brings home at Night....

1771 September 11 (Wednesday). Sold my Heiffer and her Calf to Lt. Baker for £30 old Tenor to be payed in 4 or 5 Weeks.

1773 September 28 (Tuesday). In the Morning my son *Alexander* came with my Speckled Cow, and 2 quarters and head and [Ploock?] of the Calf. But *Alexander* not well: worried with driving the Cow in the Night.

1777 September 24 (Wednesday). Mr. *Tainter* brought Peaches and Plums. Cut 3 Pigs and a Calf, gratis. Dined here.

1778 April 17 (Friday). My Cow lately calved is much disordered and Mr. *David Maynard* (by Request) came, and helped her. This was a singularly kind and Neighbourly, as circumstances were.

1778 May 15 (Friday). I was taken up the most of the Day with variety of Petit Affairs, of the *Garden*, and of the *Cattle*. Our daily Trouble for Some time has been, *Alexanders* Cow: but to day Mr. *C. Harrington* delivered her and us: for he drew from her a fine Calf.

1778 June 20 (Saturday). *Alexander* returns to *Leicester*. He drives away his Cow, and *Heiffer*, also his Cow's Calf: to mate which I have given him one of my Calves. And further I have given my Daughter *Cushing* an Heiffer, which *Alexander* is to take the Care of, and drive to Mr. *Browns* of *Winchendon*.

1778 November 14 (Saturday). Mr. Joseph Farrar here going again to preach at Grafton. The weather is now grown so cold and the feed gone, we give the cattle dry meat and house the Cows and Calves.

1780 April 15 (Saturday). Josiah Brigham returns from an Excursion to purchase Cattle: he has been as far as to Fitz William and has brought two Cows, one has a Calf, t'other with Calf. They are put into my Barn to keep. Breck has now four Creatures there, his Horse and 3 cows besides the young Calf.

1780 October 2 (Monday). N.B. Lt. Warrin kindly sent his young Man at eve, for two of my Calves to pasture them till weaned.

1780 November 18 (Saturday). Joel and Gardner, Sons of Mr. Isaac Parker, have brought home a Calf, which their Father has kept a great while for me.

1781 February 27 (Tuesday). I have no Boy this Morning. I, unhappily, was exercised various ways. *Breck* [blot]ed was kind and before he Sat out the Cattle. *Josiah* came with another Load

of Wood for [blot] drew water for my Cattle and turned them out to drink: *Pamela* took Care of two young Lambs, the Calf etc. About 3 p.m. came *Ben* to my Relief.

1781 March 7 (Wednesday). Deacon *Wood* came and [blot] *Thomas*. They kill a Calf for me. Deacon has one [Quarter. Weighed?] 14 lb. Deacon *Hawes* another which weighed the Same, Breck had @ 3d. The skin, 7 3/4 sent to *Davis's*.

1781 July 24 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. *Thaddeus Warrin* killed a Calf for me.

1781 August 11 (Saturday). Mr. *Thaddeus Warren* came and killed a Calf for me, which weighed 19 lb. per [gr.?] and as he has been so generous as to butcher for me gratis So many times, I have given him one of the Calf's Skins.

1782 May 18 (Saturday). Mr. *Solomon Miller* was here accidentally, and was improved to kill a Calf for me.





