

Cheese

1736 June 8 (Tuesday). David at a Cheese Press.

1736 June 9 (Wednesday). David at the Cheese Press.

1736 June 10 (Thursday). David finished his Cheese Press and after Lecture mowed Bushes.

1739 January 26 (Friday). Dr. Gott and Captain Williams here. Doctor din'd. Captain Williams went to Ensign Maynards and when he return'd was in so great an Hurry that he would only Eat a mouthful of Bread and cheese although Food was preparing for him. It was what gave us some vexation because I had invited him to Dinner.

1745 February 23 (Saturday). Thomme brought 49 lb. of cheese from Mr. Jabez Rice's.

1745 April 25 (Thursday). After Meeting came a Messenger from Framingham (one of the Hemingways) with the Sorrowfull Tidings of the Death of the Reverend and Worthy Mr. [John] Swift of Framingham, Who is March last finish'd his 66th Year. A man of good Abilitys, natural and acquir'd -- of a Sprightly Genius and delighting in Learning; a Valuable Pastor and an entertaining preacher, of great Goodness, affability and Courtesy and therefore Easy of access and pleasant to Converse with, was very Hospitable to all and none more affectionate to his Friends. He nevertheless met with much ill treatment among some of his ungrateful people, rigid Sticklers for the Church Discipline of Lay Elders, and disorderly New Lights, the Latter of which had even set up a Meeting House on purpose for Itineracy. The Troubles he was Exercis'd with in both his Flock and Family (of very different kinds indeed) might justly be conceiv'd to have given great advantage to his bodily Disorders which had prevail'd ever since he had an Apoplectick Shock a few Years past. Yesterday Morning When his End approach'd he had unusual appetite and would fain have some Cheese for his Breakfast, but that was conceiv'd hurtfull, and therefore they perswaded him to accept of Chocolat and a Toast. Whilst they were feeding with These he dy'd away at once, and reviv'd no more. Help Lord the Godly Man Ceaseth! The Righteous fall from among the Children of Men! When Such Usefull Men are taken away alas how weak are we! We have lost much of our Strength and our Glory when any of the Pillars Fall, the Fabrick shakes. Yet with God is the residue of the Spirit. May he grant us his almighty Influences that We may dispatch our Work and get ready for our own Summons, and raise up Successors and give Pastors after his own Heart!

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.

1747 October 15 (Thursday). Ebenezer undertakes to make some more Cyder but was so beat off again by the Rain that he could only Squeeze out a part of a Cheese, three Barrells though Neighbour John Rogers helped him part of the afternoon.

1748 August 22 (Monday). And at Shrewsbury was at Mr. Edward Goddards for Cheese, at Dr. Smith's -- where was Mr. Cushing Cornet Hayward and Mr. Jonathan Green.

1749 January 28 (Saturday). Thomas rode to Mr. Edward Goddards and brought me 3 large Cheeses all of them being 37 1/2 weight at 3 Shillings per pound.

1749 June 22 (Thursday). Was at Mr. Ephraim Brighams, at Mr. Edward Barns's (where I bought Cheese), din'd at Deacon Matthias Rice's (whose wife presented me with a Cheese) and then I return'd home.

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.

1749 October 20 (Friday). I rode up myself and proceeded to Colonel Wards, to Mr. Cushings and to Mr. Edward Goddards -- bought 42 1/2 pounds of Cheese. Return'd p.m.

1750 February 23 (Friday). Mr. Samuel Fay junior brought me an English Cheese from Boston.

1750 March 9 (Friday). Mr. Chamberlin return'd last night from Boston. N.B. he paid 6£ old Tenor to Mr. S. Procter for Cheese for me -- also 14 shillings for Chocolat and 6 shillings for Rice.

1750 July 6 (Friday). Mr. Oliver went with Me to one Mr. Maxwells in Kings Street where I bought Two Cheeses, one Glocester (of old England), the other Rhode-Island, both weighing 32L at 3/ old Tenor per pound.

1750 September 5 (Wednesday). See Natal. I went not over to the Workmen, but sent over as usual which was daily Beer and Cyder, and a bottle of Rum; some Days Bread and Cheese for Bait; and p.m. dinner for Two or Three, the rest bringing for themselves.

1750 September 7 (Friday). P.M. My Neighbours rais'd my New Frame and we sung part of Psalm 127. Scil. one Stanza and Psalm 128 (second meetre) except the last half stanza. Sundry Neighbours Sent and brought Cheese, Cake, Wheat Bread, etc. which with Some Apples Pyes which my Wife provided, made up our Entertainment. Mr. Martyn pray'd and Mr. Haven return'd Thanks.

1751 January 13 (Sunday). So very rainy at Noon that I acquainted the Congregation that I Should not go out of the Meeting House, and desir'd them that went out to come in again, in 1/4 of an Hour. I eat a bit of Bread and Cheese which my Maid handed to me in the Pulpit, and I was much refresh'd.

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.

1751 August 19 (Monday). N.B. was at Mr. Gershom Brighams who made me a present of Cheese....

1751 August 26 (Monday). Ebenezer Carter over my principall Book Presses, and several Boxes more. And it seems now like something of Remove. I was at Morning Prayer with my children at my former Dwelling. After Exercises I gave them Exhortation and Solemn Charge to keep the Way of the Lord. May they have Grace to attend to it and observe it! Before we parted from home, came Mr. Martyn and his Wife, accompany'd by Mr. Michael Dennis, Bookseller in Boston. Who all went with me to the New House. Where came also to visit us Mr. Miller and Mrs. Harrington each with a Cheese.

1751 September 27 (Friday). Mr. Joseph Knowlton and his Wife with a Present (a Legg of Pork, large piece of Pork, a Cheese, and a parcell of dry'd Huckleberrys).

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

1752 May 15 (Friday). 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 September 3 (Wednesday). The ministers (most of us) went to Mount Wachusett. Mrs. Mellen and her Sister Robbins with us and Mrs. Mellen had a Fall from her Horse but recover'd. We refresh'd ourselves on the Top of the Mount, Having carry'd up Bacon, Bread and Cheese, Rum. In Descending from the Summitt we stop'd a little and Sang a Stanza to the Praise of the Great Creator. N.B. A great multitude of persons happen'd to go up to the Mount to Day. We saw many Horses at the Bottom, and at Mr. Keys's....

1755 September 10 (Wednesday). Mrs. Whipple and her sister and Mrs. Pratt made a Visit; Each with a Cheese.

1755 December 3 (Wednesday). Ebenezer came with two Barrells of Cyder which is all that I design to have of him more this Year -- in all 3 Barrells. He says he has one more Cheese to make Still.

1757 June 8 (Wednesday). I would view the kind Hand of Providence that when I was Somewhat put to't for fresh Meat, Mr. *Maynard* kindly Sent me aQuarter of veal and some Butter. Mrs. *Dolly Rice* an old Cheese.

1759 July 6 (Friday). Mr. Twitchell came and mowed a while but the Rain beat him off. John Howe came to hoe, but could do little else than plough, with Mr. Twitchell, a.m. They dined here. Twitchell after dinner left my Work by reason of the weather. John Howe goes to hoeing. Several Neighbours came to help -- viz. the Four Maynards, David, Ebenezer, and Nathan, and Cousen Maynard Sends two hands, *Solomon* Maynard (whom Captain has hired) and Jacob Garfield, with a Cheese. So that my Field is a little enlivened again. And Mr. Twitchel returned again to his Mowing and worked till late and lodged here. A very faithfull, diligent Man! I wish I might be as faithfull in my Business as he is in his.

1759 September 22 (Saturday). N.B. paid Mr. Job Cushings wife 10/ old Tenor in part for carrying a Cheese to my son William when at Lake George last Year.

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 bountiful 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!

1760 August 29 (Friday). At Night Capt. Fay came; asks me to preach at his House next Tuesday: but I was obliged to deny him, because I purpose to go a journey next week. He asked me whether it would be agreeable to me that Mr. *Hutchinson* Should preach there? I told him Yes; for I should be glad of all means for their Spiritual and Eternal Good. He left me a present of Cheese and Apples.

1760 November 10 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Silas Warrin of Grafton brings me 52 pounds of Cheese, for which I am to give him 2/6 old tenor per pound.

1764 October 1 (Monday). N.B. Messrs. Daniel Forbes and Daniel junior's wives made us a Visit -- and each brought a Cheese.

1765 July 3 (Wednesday). Mr. John Wood brings me up 1 Bush. Indian Corn and 49 and 1/2 lbs. Cheese from Mr. Goddards of Weston.

1765 July 15 (Monday). Went to Boston.... At Mr. Goddards at Weston. N.B. Paid for 40 lbs. Cheese at 2/9 old Tenor.

1765 December 20 (Friday). Mrs. Harrington and her son Josephs Wife made us a visit, with a Cheese, each of them.

1766 January 27 (Monday). Visit at Mr. Nurse's, at Mr. Eleazer Pratt's, and Mr. Jos. Harringtons, where I buy Cheese -- and Sup.

1766 February 15 (Saturday). Mr. Joseph Harrington here. I paid all, for 78 1/2 of Cheese @ 2/ old Tenor.

1766 May 31 (Saturday). Breakfast at Mr. Cushings at Waltham. Call at Mr. N. Goddards, whom I pay for the rest of my Debt for Cheese.

1767 June 24 (Wednesday). P.M. I rode to Mr. Solomon Bakers and bought Cheese of him.

1767 July 14 (Tuesday). Called at Mr. William Browns. At Mr. Goddards and paid her for her Cheese except 4/ old Tenor.

1767 July 27 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Solomon Bakers wife with presents of Roast Pig and Cheese.

1767 October 9 (Friday). P.M. Deacon Wood, Lt. Baker, Neighbour Zebulun Rice, Lt. Baker [*sic*], Mr. Nathan Maynard, Neighbour Seth Morse (who brought a large Cheese) and a Number more (between 30 and 40 in all) got in and husked out my Corn. The Crop proved but indifferent. For entertainment Mrs. P. instead of the usual hot Supper, baked Applepyes and agreeable Cakes, which with Cheese proved an Acceptable [Reflection?] to the Company. N.B. Master Jamison here likewise. We sung part of the 4th Ps. Mr. Seth Morse set the Tune.

1768 May 28 (Saturday). Call at Mr. N. Goddards and pay him for Cheese (22 1/2 lbs.; at 2.6 per pound) and buy 24 1/2 lbs. more.

1768 June 9 (Thursday). Mrs. Eleoner Williams here. In reckoning I find I owe her 40/ old Tenor. She asks not only for a Note for that, but for the further sum of 68/11, and to gratifie her, and She promising to see that I be soon paid, I did it. N.B. 24 lbs. and 1/2 of Cheese brought up from Mr. Goddards of Weston. N.B. Mr. John Maynard paid for it, and upon my receiving the Cheese I paid him, viz. one Dollar and half.

1769 January 31 (Tuesday). Then passed over to Mr. Gershom Brighams -- to Mr. Gleasons -- Mr. Samuel Fay's -- Edwards Whipples, where I drank Tea -- and Mr. *Solomon Bakers*, with whom I reckoned, and paid for 41 pounds Cheese. 28 pounds at 2/ and 13 at 1/6.

1772 October 19 (Monday). A number of Neighbours, about 30 old and young, came about 9 or 10 o'Clock to husk my Corn. I committed the whole matter of their Refreshments and their Dinner to them, to have every thing relating thereto when and as they Should please. Accordingly They had Liquor and Bread and Cheese to their Satisfaction, but they did not choose to have the dinner till they had done husking the Corn, which was carted. A Load was left in the Field. This they could not meddle with because what was brought held them till sunsett. I went out to them not less than three times to entreat to have their Food, and See that they had Drink enough. But yet two, Mr. Tainter and Mr. Biglow, appeared offended and I was told that some went away -- but a Number returned again and stayed to eat with us. The abovementioned were also pacified. The Two Deacons (especialy Deacon Wood), together

with other elderly Men, conducted the Affair. The Corn was very Moist, having been greatly Soaked by the late great Rains.

1773 October 29 (Friday). I was obliged to assist in preparing for the work designed this Evening. Went to Mr. *Newtons* and Deacon *Woods* etc. to ask my Neighbours to come. Accordingly a Small Number were so kind as to assist me at Evening in *drawing off the Gravel* from the Knoll behind my House. Deacon *Wood* with a yoke of Oxen, Mr. *Barnabas Newton* with his Plough and oxen, Mr. Jonathan *Grout* with a large Gravel-Drag (except the Tongue), Mr. *Spring*, *Wheelock*, Several of the work-men from the Meeting House. However, there were in all, but a few for such a Work -- neither *Breck* nor *Harrington* nor *Caruth* nor *Snow*, could be with me. Yet a good Job was done. Their *Treat* was Drink and Bread and Cheese.

1775 February 22 (Wednesday). Mr. Jonathan *Forbes* was here at Eve. He brought 44 lbs. of Cheese, at 2/2 old Tenor per pound. Gave him an order to Constable *Martin Pratt*, of £4.15.4 old Tenor.

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 September 10 (Tuesday). P.M. Old Mrs. *Holloway* came to see us, and brought a present of an handsome Cheese.

1776 December 26 (Thursday). And Capt. *Morse* had Compassion and brought a Load from home to me; and a large, good Cheese.

1777 September 25 (Thursday). Visit at Mr. *Snows* and Mr. *Abraham Beemans*. N.B. his son *Abraham* is Sick. At each of these last House, had a Present of a Cheese.

1778 January 10 (Saturday). Capt. *Morse* came with Wood and a large Cheese.

1778 October 15 (Thursday). Elias went to Mr. *Benjamin Thurstons* for Cheese; got 30 lbs. at 4 sh. L.M. per pound.

1778 November 4 (Wednesday). Elias, on Mr. Tainter's Horse returned to Cambridge. I gave him 14 dollars, my newest Shooes, a variety of cloatheing, half a large cheese etc. etc. May God incline his Heart to Religion and Learning!

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 January 6 (Wednesday). Capt. Jonas Brigham and his wife were so benevolent as to present me a Cheese. I take the more notice of this because he has been so long aloof, but I rejoice in his friendly Disposition.

1779 February 19 (Friday). Capt. Morse came here and brought me an handsome Cheese which he says his Wife made on purpose for me. N.B. This was unexpected as I had apprehended he had been under Disgust from Thanksgiving Time. But I hope it is gone over.

1779 July 5 (Monday). Young Mrs. Belknap went with me to her Father's, Ensign Snow's, who put a Cheese into my Saddle Baggs.

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.

1780 February 7 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Jonathan Forbes brought a Cheese etc. and made me a Visit.

1781 October 11 (Thursday). Capt. *Morse* brought me a large Cheese, which weighted 25 lb. May God reward him for his Generosity! and may I be enabled to make a good Use of this and of every other Bounty bestowed upon me!

1782 September 23 (Monday). Capt. Morse came and brought a noble Cheese of 20 weight.

1782 October 28 (Monday). At Eve came Mr. *Jon. Forbes*. He brought a very handsome good Cheese of 14 1/2 weight.