

## Cows

1726 March 11 (Friday). Neighbor Clark brought Three Cows and Mr. Oliver Ward an Horse to my Barn.

1726 April 4 (Monday). One of Mr. Ward's Cows went home. What man would not think it worth Noting that [he] has Seen the mighty Contests and Brawlings that are often made about the most inconsiderable things of this kind, and the Reflections cast upon the honesty and uprightness of those of Sacred Character (because they ought to be Examples to observe), if there is not a peculiar preciseness and Exactness in making up the minutest part of an account.

1726 April 5 (Tuesday). Two of Neighbor Clarks Cows went away. My Hay growing very short, or my Tenderness towards this man would not have suffer'd me to Send them away.

1726 April 8 (Friday). Another of Mr. Wards Cows was Sent home.

1726 April 9 (Saturday). This Day the Last of Mr. Wards Cows and his Horse went away. N.B. The 5th and 6th Neighbor Clark and his Son ploughed (with my Mare and Mr. Wards Horse) my Stubble, and the 8th and 9th Neighbor Clark with my Boy went on (as aforesaid) in ploughing and sowing of Wheat and Rye and Barley.

1726 April 19 (Tuesday). Neighbor Clark's last Cows went home.

1726 April 20 (Wednesday). I heard of Severall more Creatures Dead.

1736 April 30 (Friday). It is an unusually Cold and Melancholly Season. Grass very backward and Hay very short. I hear it has gone hard with many Cattle in the Towns above us. Through Divine Smiles I have Hay, Some Sufficiency, And have entertained Mr. Ebenezer Locks Cow most of the winter, and Brother Hicks's 2 Steers the Spring.

1736 October 29 (Friday). David is laying a Floor for the Cows.

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.

1736 November 27 (Saturday). We put up the Milch Cows into the Barn this Evening.

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

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 6 (Sunday). Some of our Cows lye out.

1739 November 5 (Monday). Lieutenant Holloway went for me to Jabez Rice's to bespeak a fat Cow, and came and gave me Notice of it. Jotham Maynard fixing up the Barn to house Creatures.

1739 November 12 (Monday). N.B. Captain Eager brought home the Fatt Cow, bought of Mr. Jabez Rice for £13.5.0.

1739 November 13 (Tuesday). Mr. Grout and Mr. Tainter came and kill'd my Fat Cow. N.B. The Quarter weigh'd 20 Score and 16 pound. Mrs. Tainter came to help us in cleaning Tripe, etc.

1740 April 19 (Saturday). Several of my Nei[gh]bours assisted in looking for my young Cow, and found her mired in the Meadow north of the Great pond.

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 2 (Tuesday). After the Funerals I went with Mr. Grout to Neighbour Beriah Rice's to see the Cow Mr. Tainter had bought for me and afterwards to Mr. Tainters.

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). Cloudy. Eve Mr. Tainter came and cutt and salted up my Beef.

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.

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

1744 October 23 (Tuesday). Thomas Winchester carting out Dung from the Cow Yard.

1744 October 24 (Wednesday). Thomas Winchester carting Dung and clear'd up Rye.

1744 November 14 (Wednesday). Mr. Richard Barns and Mr. Jonathan Rogers kill'd my old Red Cow which I formerly bought of old Mr. Holloway.

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.

1745 November 20 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter and Mr. Harrington kill'd a Cow for me which weigh'd nigh 360.

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.

1746 November 10 (Monday). Lieutenant Tainter kill'd a Cow which Mr. Grout bought for me of Mr. Jonas Brigham for £16.10.0.

1747 September 25 (Friday). Ebenezer went to Sutton and brought home the Young Cow which Brother Hicks wanted to have for his Cedar Swamp, and he brought also a young Steer which had been left out of the Drove.

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.

1747 November 18 (Wednesday). N.B. My Cambridge Cow which we are fatting, Sick and lame.

1747 November 19 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter here to see what is the matter with my Fat Cow.

1747 November 30 (Monday). A Cold, windy, but bright Day. 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.

1747 December 2 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter and his son Benjamin came over and kill'd my Cambridge Cow. Weigh'd 413, the Quarters -- Hide 65, Tallow 35. Lieutenant was very kind and obliging -- not only gave me freely his pains, but knowing my straights for winter keeping for my Stock, he took home a Cow to winter for me.

1748 May 2 (Monday). Joseph Bowker came to work for me for 4 months, Wages 50£, Old Tenor. Ebenezer and he brought my Cow (with her Calf) that had been kept at Lieutenant Tainter's.

1748 September 9 (Friday). Mr. Edwards Whipple brought home my brindled Cow, from Nichewoag Cutt.

1748 September 19 (Monday). I was up extreme early -- prepar'd a Deed which Neighbour Hezekiah How sign'd delivered Me of the Right to his fifth Division of Common Lands without the Cow Common.

1748 November 8 (Tuesday). Neighbour Rogers assist'd my son in killing a Cow (brindled which I some Years ago bought of Mr. Aaron Forbush).

1749 March 29 (Wednesday). P.M. to widow Crosby's to buy a Cow, but did not succeed.

1749 October 21 (Saturday). Mr. Francis Whipple here to bring Intelligence of my lost Cow, suppos'd to be found at Lambstown at one Weeks's.

1749 October 25 (Wednesday). Ebenezer rode early to Shrewsbury on his Journey to Lambstown to look up my Stray Cow.

1749 October 27 (Friday). Ebenezer return'd and brought home the Cow. He paid 40/ old Tenor to Mr. Weeks of Lambstown for her keeping. He can hear nothing of other Young Creatures that are still missing.

1749 November 9 (Thursday). Lieutenant came and kill'd a Cow for me -- weigh'd 16 score.

1750 October 5 (Friday). Ebenezer has been Carting Apples etc. No corn gather'd yet. But we suffer'd great Dammage by the cattle; of them 12 in Number broke out of the Cow Yard last night -- were in the Corn, among the Apples, Cabbages etc.

1750 October 8 (Monday). I was in much pain, which Mr. Forbush Seeing, acquainted me with a Remedy used by him with observable Success, which he communicated the Knowledge of; and which though very Disagreeable, yet the more clearly Methods (Blister etc.) us'd by me, failing, and my affliction great, I yielded freely to -- viz. Cow dung fir'd in Hoggs Fatt -- and lay all Night with my Face on't Despicable as it seems; it gave me Relief. D.G.

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 August 15 (Thursday). N.B. my mind in much Exercise by Reason of the great Urgency that we remove and yet our House and place there exceedingly unfit to receive us. The Hearth's unlaid, the Banks of Gravel at Each Door unlevelled. No pasture for a Cow, or feed or Hay for an Horse etc. etc.

1751 September 2 (Monday). Ebenezer and Thomas mend the Fence of the Pasture at the Island and bring a milk Cow, and Two fattening Creatures to pasture there.

1751 October 30 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Hezekiah How help'd Ebenezer kill the Cow which I bought some Years ago of Ebenezer Maynard.

1751 December 30 (Monday). Ebenezer assisted by Mr. Barns kill'd our Chamberlin cow.

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

1752 October 27 (Friday). N.B. Ebenezer brought over part of the Young Cow which he kill'd yesterday -- the whole Creature weigh'd 16 Score wanting one Pound.

1752 November 25 (Saturday). N.B. This is the first Night of our tying up Cattle in my New Barn. We now put up three Cows.

1752 December 6 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Jonathan Forbush brought me about 254 feet of Plank which he had sav'd for my stable and Cow House.

1752 December 8 (Friday). Lieutenant Tainter assisted my son Ebenezer in killing and dressing a Cow, at t'other House.

1752 December 11 (Monday). Ebenezer brought over 3 Quarters of the Cow, he with Lieutenant Tainters help kill'd last Week -- the 4 Quarters weigh'd 18 score wanting one part.

1752 December 27 (Wednesday). Ebenezer brought 4 more Sleepers for my Cow-House floor.

1754 April 10 (Wednesday). P.M. a Cow which Ebenezer had of Mr. Abraham Knowlton and which I have had to keep a while, was Mir'd in the Swamp which I took up a few Years ago, near the Cedar Swamps; but we got her out again alive.

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

1755 December 23 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter (now first of all) acquainted me with the Articles which he had given me with Design in his own Heart, towards defraying the Northside Debt; Except that he had hinted to me somewhat of his keeping a Cow for me the winter after the Drought, and which at the Time, as I remember I manifested my Dissent to. Through divine Restraints we kept from being angry -- supp'd together and parted in peace.

1756 January 6 (Tuesday). And my Son Ebenezer brought 2 Quarters of a Cow he had killed, the weight 200, at 13 d.

1757 June 1 (Wednesday). Daniel Wyman, 'prentice to my son Baldwin, came here last night, from Sudbury; and lodged here. This morning Billy and he drove my Bell-Cow (of Cambridge breed) to their Master Baldwin: And they are to take my Young Cattle with *Ebenezers* along with them to Brookfield.

1757 June 13 (Monday). *Amon LeBlanc* here: he hoes a.m. and they finish at the Island. He divides the Cow Yard at the Barn and fences a piece of Ground for Tobacco, and cleared beyond the Orchard.

1757 July 1 (Friday). P.M. Nahum Eager comes from Brookfield with Letters -- and informs that the Cow which I gave my Daughter *Lucy*, has been Some time missing, and was in hopes to find her here -- but we have Seen nothing of her.

1759 April 27 (Friday). Thomas has Capt. Maynards Mare and Mr. Nurse's Chair, and goes to Brookfield for Suse. I Send Ebenezer my great Cow Bell and a Dollar for his Son *Elias*.

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 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 November 25 (Tuesday). My Sons, with Mr. Pratts Team, cart muck out of the Stables. P.M. Nathan Kenny helps them and they get out the Summer Dung and muck of the Cow-yard.

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 March 5 (Tuesday). N.B. An Arbitration at Capt. *Wood's* on a Difference between Messrs. Timothy Warrin and Jonas Bradish, respecting the Widow *Rolfs* Cow.

1765 June 26 (Wednesday). Letter from Billy, of the 18th that my Oxen and his Cow have strayed away from him.

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

1765 October 26 (Saturday). Joseph Warrin came from Billy at Townshend, and brings a Cow for me to keep.

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 carrys 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 March 18 (Tuesday). Visit at Capt. *Fay's* (now for the first Time) and dined there. P.M. at Mr. *Green's* in order to buy a Cow of him.

1766 March 25 (Tuesday). N.B. I bought an extraordinary Quarter of Veal of Deacon Batchellor -- weighted 25 1/2 lb. @ 20d per pound. The young Ladys (the *Stones*) are here, dine, and tarry over night. 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.

1767 June 2 (Tuesday). Breck returns to *Ashby* and takes with him a Cow and two Young Creatures. Jonas Kenny goes with him and drives Mr. Nurse's Cattle to Billy. Mr. Moore carries *Suse* to Boston.

1768 April 1 (Friday). A Time of Difficulty with us by reason of Shortness of Hay -- two Cows have calv'd; by the Snow and cold and slender portions of English Hay, fear they will not do well. We give them the more Meal, of which, through divine Goodness, we have good store. Sent for Mr. Hezekiah Pratt who comes, and pulls up the weather of one of the Cows; and we prepare Comfry Root and milk, which is given her.

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*.

1768 August 8 (Monday). It is a Time of Trouble and Loss with me by the frequent Rains. Several Acres of Rye reaped and exposed not only to the Weather, but Cattle, my Oxen and Cows have unhappily broke in upon the Stukes and torn them to Pieces. About half a Dozen Load of Hay at the Maynard Swamp, much of which we Should have got in before the sabbath: also what was lately mowed in my own new Swamp was fit to be carried into the Barn, but is soaked by the heavy Showers -- and to Day the Weather is such that none of it can be touched - - but Richard Temple goes to reaping down more, though its showry and cant be gathered. Yet all is good which God Sends!

1768 October 20 (Thursday). Send by *John* a (designed) fat Cow to be kept at Mr. *Solomon* Bakers.

1768 November 10 (Thursday). Richard Temple comes to thrash my Rye notwithstanding the Storm -- send John to Mr. *Solomon* Bakers for my fat Cow which he has been pasturing. Put up the Mare and fat Cow.

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 November 20 (Monday). Mr. *Grout* brings home my fat Cow, which he has kept much longer than he promised, and Gratis.

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.

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

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.

1770 March 23 (Friday). Confirmed my Bargain with Jonas Kenny for a Cow. Am to give him 25£ old Tenor for her. Sermonizing.

1770 May 25 (Friday). Mr. Nurse Setts off with *Alexanders* Goods; but makes it late -- and leaves their Cow behind.

1770 December 5 (Wednesday). Alexander came at Night and brought a Cow to be kept here this Winter.

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, with a Letter from *Alexander* certifying me that he has got rid of *Jones*. Mr. Taylor at Eve.

1771 October 31 (Thursday). Mr. Schoff came on his Return home; and by him I wrote an answer to Mr. *Cushing* concerning Mrs. *Winchesters* Desire of buying a Cow of me which is in Mr. *Cushings* Possession.

1771 November 11 (Monday). Mr. Edwards Whipple and Mr. Thaddeus Warren killed a young Cow for me.

1771 November 19 (Tuesday). Joseph and Nathan Chamberlin returned from Monadinock. They bring a Letter from my Cushing at Ashburnham and drive home the pied Cow which I had lent my Daughter Cushing for the Summer past.

1772 June 20 (Saturday). Phinehas went with the Cow we call *Spot* to Lt. Bakers *Bowker* Place to Pasture.

1772 November 25 (Wednesday). Lt. *Baker* has been bountiful -- in fattening a Cow and bringing her back from his Pasture -- in allowing me the use of his Cyder Mill etc. in making [6?] Barrells of Cyder, gratis -- with other kindnesses -- for which may God reward him! especially in Spirituals -- but I am much grieved that my whole drove of Cattle (16) have lain a great deal, when they were turned out a Days, on his Clover etc. to his great Hurt. May God forgive the wrong and Ingratitude in this! I admire his Patience and Meekness, in freely overlooking it.

1772 December 14 (Monday). Deacon *Wood* came, and Mr. *Tainter* and *Reuben* to assist in killing an old, but fat, Cow.

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.

1774 November 24 (Thursday). Deacon *Wood* and Neighbour *Newton* Killed a Cow which I bought of my son *Baldwin*. They dined here: as did Mr. *Caleb Rice* of *Marlborough*.

1774 December 13 (Tuesday). Settle with him as to his fat Cow at 17d, Hide, Beef and Tallow. Pay him 4 Dollars and 9£ 10/ on *Watsons* Note, which I delivered to him to carry to *Alexander* and he leaves us for *Brookfield*.

1775 April 7 (Friday). P.M. one of my Cows, having got her Horn in the Hay Rack which stands abroad, an Ox came and hooked her; upon which she wrenched off the Horn, and left the Pith naked.

1775 May 18 (Thursday). *Elias* goes part of the Way with Mr. B. *Newton* to drive Cattle to *Leicester* to *Alexanders* Pasture: one Cow, Two that are called two year olds, and three Yearlings.

1775 November 21 (Tuesday). Deacon *Wood* and Neighbour B. *Newton* came and killed my old Cow for me. A Cow that had been more mischievous than ordinary. Weighed 320.

1775 November 25 (Saturday). Mr. *John Overlock* from *Ashburnham* came with a Cow and two young Creatures to be kept here this Winter.

1775 November 26 (Sunday). Mr. *Overlock* leaves us to go, being Sent for, to the Army, he being a soldier and obliged hastily to repair there.

1776 April 3 (Wednesday). P.M. Mr. *John Putnam* brought me from Mr. Cushing of *Ashburnham*, in Bills which Mr. *Charles Lawrence* of Ashby, left for me when he took up his Note (which was left with Mr. *Cushing*). Also a Receipt from *Ashby* Assessors, of Tax and [Posts?]. He Also drove away Mr. Cushings Cow which I have kept for him through the winter.

1776 September 15 (Sunday). When *James Hicks* went to the Cow yard for the Cows in the Morning, to drive them to the House to be milked, a young Cow (called the White Face) was fallen down *dead*, out Side the Cow Yard, an upper Rail down not far from the Place where she lay. Sent for Deacon Wood, who with *Joseph Chamberlin* came [and bleed?] her.

1776 December 17 (Tuesday). Went to visit Mr. *Solomon Baker*, confined by a sore bred in his Face: was discharged plentifully. Dined there. In reckoning with him for keeping my late fat Cow 18 Days, Corn and Hay and tendence -- but he gave it, and would ask me Nothing. May God reward him, in both temporals and Spirituals.

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 February 14 (Saturday). Isaac Forbush brings from Squire *Baker* the Quarters of a Cow he has killed for me. They weighed 390.

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 12 (Tuesday). *James Hicks* drives four young Creatures of my Son *Baldwins*, and four of my own, to go to Pasture, At Brookfield. *Elias* was obliged to go with him to *Farrars* in Shrewsbury, to help him along with them. My Son *Alexanders* Cow is so weak, yet heavy that She daily to be lifted up: and often times by other Help than our own.

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 10 (Wednesday). After Lecture Mr. Nat. [Rugg?] here about hiring or *taking*, one or more of my Cows, but they were both gone to Mr. Tainters, and [dined?]

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*. N.B. his (*Alexander's*) son *Breck* is at *Leicester* to assist him.

1778 August 24 (Monday). I went to Squire Bakers -- reckoned with him: and received the Ballance between the Oxen which he had of me, and the Cow which I had of him -- viz. 999 lb. @ 9d per pound. It amounted to 37£ 9.3 and he paid me 37.10.0.

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 14 (Saturday). The weather is now grown so cold and the feed gone, we give the cattle dry meat and house the Cows and Calves.

1778 November 18 (Wednesday). It was so fowl weather was disappointed as to killing a fat cow as designed.

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

1778 November 21 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. Caleb Harrington came kindly and cut out and Salted my Beef. I desire to praise God for all His Favour!

1779 November 9 (Tuesday). Mr. Levi Warren here to kill a Cow for me.... The Cow turns out well. Mr. Warrin dines here, and give his work.

1780 February 25 (Friday). My Daughter in-law receives a young Cow which her Father Brigham gives her. She is put into my Barn to be kept.

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 June 3 (Saturday). N.B. Frederic Lock who works for me today in moving and setting up a Fence at the Island to make a Lane from the Road to my Pasture, meets with a Disappointment by the unruliness of my Steers, and leaves the Work undone -- which prevents my pasturing my Cows there.

1780 August 5 (Saturday). I was much interrupted by being obliged to go to the Island to mend Fence, that the Cows might not break in upon Mr. Andrews.

1781 October 1 (Monday). Can't get Feed for the Fattening Cow.

1781 October 27 (Saturday). I have neither Man nor Boy, except Billy Spring who can fetch the Cows and cut a little Wood.