

Goose, Geese, and Ganders

1724 January 10 (Friday). In the Morning I was appointed to go back to Mr. How's (upon Mr. Cushing's Horse) to Bring Madame Graves in Company with Mr. Barrett and Madame, Old Mr. How and his Wife. We din'd at Mr. Whooods Upon roast Goose, roast Pea hen, Bak'd Stuff'd Venison, Beef, Pork, etc. After Dinner we Smoak'd a Pipe, read Governor Shute's Memorial to the King and Mr. Cushing and I rode home.

1728 January 4 (Thursday). Mr. How brought me Store Geese.

1747 November 4 (Wednesday). I afterwards went to Mr. Hezekiah Hows and bought a Couple of Geese for Store. Gave 18 shillings for the Couple.

1749 July 2 (Sunday). N.B. One of my Young Geese in the Road was found gasping and dy'd -- either by the Heat or for Thirst: the Throat, the Grass in it being dry and hard.

1750 January 10 (Wednesday). N.B. The Conduct of William Rogers to Day at my House would not so much do the least Neighbourly Kindness, *e.g.* Stand at a place to stop the Geese when we wanted to catch one but went away in a Strange Frame. I went and talk'd with his Parents and Brethren.

1751 March 8 (Friday). N.B. one of our Geese, instead of Setting, was found Dead near the Currant Bushes -- when open'd we found her Eggs were broke within her.

1751 May 11 (Saturday). Mr. Levi Brigham sent us a wild Goose which he kill'd in the pond.

1751 December 9 (Monday). N.B. We began to keep Geese here at the new House. For Ebenezer brought a Gander from the other House, and I bought a Goose of Mr. Ebenezer Rice.

1756 December 18 (Saturday). Lt. *Tainter* goes to Watertown designing to Boston next Monday and carries a couple of fat Geese, one to Mrs. *Stoddard*, the Other to Brother *Samuel*.

1759 December 27 (Thursday). Five geese and some Fowls by Mr. Joseph Baker to Boston for us.

1768 December 27 (Tuesday). Having last Evening brought home a Gander which I have bought for 15/ of Dr. *Hawes*, this morning I went to Lt. Bakers and got a Goose, which he gave me; and likewise an Arm full (5 1/2 lbs.) of Tobacco which he has brought from Providence and Sells at 3/ per lb.

1770 February 28 (Wednesday). Mr. Thaddeus Warrin builds me a Goose House p.m.

1770 December 1 (Saturday). Employed Mr. *Thaddeus Warrin* to Search for my Sheep. He Sets out on my Horse -- northerly etc. He finds them North of Mr. *Andrews's*; and drives them

home. For which I gave him a fat Goose (when pickled) for Thanksgiving. The sheep had been gone nigh a Month.

1770 December 26 (Wednesday). Sold 3 Geese at 15/ apiece to Deacon *Wood*.

1772 March 7 (Saturday). We are in some perplexity on the Account of our *Geese*; all of them have been missing ever since the storm; and after great looking and Searching, must conclude they are covered up in the Snow, and probably have perished.

1778 February 10 (Tuesday). Several Ganders are missing since the last snow.

1778 December 21 (Monday). Mrs. P. kills 5 Geese, and 6 dunghill Fowls for market with the Pork. For it appears necessary to make some money of what we raise that we may be able to purchase what is wanting in other respects.

1778 December 23 (Wednesday). Mr. Joseph Harrington goes with his Team for Marblehead, and takes my Pork, Geese and Fowls, to the care of Mr. Elisha Forbes for Marketing.

1778 December 28 (Monday). Mr. Elisha Forbes pays me for my Pork and 6 Geese £38.18.