

Graffing

Graff : "To insert (a scion of one tree) into a different stock" (OED)

1740 April 15 (Tuesday). N.B. Hicks graffing.

1746 April 14 (Monday). Ebenezer Graffing.

1747 April 10 (Friday). Ebenezer a.m. graffing Pear Cyons in Apple Stocks, but the Trees rather too forward, as is all Nature. Every Thing wondrously putting out. God's name be prais'd who pitys His People, and in the Middst of wrath remembers Mercy!

1747 April 16 (Thursday). Early in the Morning Mr. Goss and I rode to Mr. Seccombs, and breakfasted there. N.B. brought from thence several books -- Seldons Table Talk: Warders Monarchy of Bees etc. And from his Garden Box trees and a Variety of Curious Graffs etc.

1749 March 16 (Thursday). In the Morning Mr. Bliss was going to a Fast at Mr. Farrars' and my own Business requir'd me to make Dispatch. Was a little while at Mr. Minots. But my Design was to find out one Mr. Isaac Taylor, a Gunsmith, with whom I desir'd my son Ebenezer Should live a while to learn that [*crossed out*] and what else falls into that Trade. I accordingly went to him and talk'd with him, who deferr'd determining, and promis'd to send me a Letter. Visited Mr. Whiting,² and Captain Peter Prescott³ -- din'd with the Latter -- brought from him the works of Machiavell -- also a Number of Roots, Cyons and Branches to propagate Mullberry Trees, and Pear Trees etc.

1749 April 10 (Monday). Ebenezer graffing Cyons from Cornet Bright of Watertown. Daniel ploughing Stubble ground.

1749 April 11 (Tuesday). A very fine pleasant, warm Day. P.M. Ebenezer graffing.

1766 May 1 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Benjamin How yesterday (except Lecture Time) and to Day a.m. graffed for me. The Cyons were from Neighbour Nathan Maynards, Beetons (among which 6 of pears), Deacon Tainters, Mr. Ezekiel *Smiths* -- and Some from my own Tree of Sir Harry Franklands Fruit.

1769 May 3 (Wednesday). Mr. Thomas Bond graffs for me a.m. Some of his own Cyons.

²Deacon Samuel Farrar.

³The Reverend John Whiting (Harvard 1700) was the minister of Concord, 1711-1737. He opposed the Great Awakening, and New-Lights, pressing a charge of intemperance, secured his removal through an ecclesiastical council in October, 1737. *Sibley*, IV, 532- 535-

(Harvard 1730). He practiced law in Boston and Concord, served in the Louisbourg campaign of 1745, and in several others of the French and Indian War. Prescott was also the clerk of the proprietors of what became Peterborough, N.H. *Sibley*, VII I, 772-774.

1773 April 8 (Thursday). At Eve came Messrs. *Eli Whitney* and *Joseph Harrington*. The former brought a present of a Number of Trees of some bigness, that had been graffed at the Ground. Four of them with which he much gratified me.

1773 April 17 (Saturday). Mr. *Eli Whitney* graffs for me at Mr. *Joseph Bonds*.