

Heifer

1726 December 7 (Wednesday). I rode over to Mr. Eagers upon the Affair of my absent Heiffer, But he was gone to Marlborough. Hearing Mr. Thomas Ward was at Mr. Allens Mill I went Thither and met with him. Mr. Allen requested me to go in and see his Wife. I did and had an hour or Two's Discourse with her. I both found and left her in a poor Melancholly, dejected, distressed Condition. From hence I rode to Marlborough. I went down to Mr. John How's (who I heard had my Heiffer) first with Two Young Men, Nathaniel Oak and Joshua Goardin, and then with Mr. Ward (who had kept the Creature all Summer and winter Last) to prove it mine, if they were able to give Testimony. They said (upon Seeing her) that they were not only able but ready, if call'd thereto, to give oath it was mine. But these all not satisfying Mr. How we went over to Mr. Woods and Chose him and Mr. Jedediah Brigham to Determine between us. Upon hearing us it fell with full Consent to me and I gave Mr. How 10 Shillings for keeping her. After this (it being Somewhat after nine o'Clock) I went to Mr. Brecks where I Lodg'd.

1726 December 9, 10 (Friday, Saturday). I sent John and Nathaniel Oak to Marlborough, and in the morn they brought the Heiffer home.

1736 May 11 (Tuesday). My *Red Heifer* drove up into the Woods beyond *Brookfield* Town; the Care of Driving etc. taken by *Capt. Warrin*.

1739 April 12 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Tainter brought up from Cambridge a 3 year old Heiffer which I bought of Brother Champney for 10£.

1740 April 18 (Friday). At Eve my black Heiffer missing.

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.

1744 November 9 (Friday). N.B. My Young Cattle, viz. Three young Heiffers, which Lieutenant Tainter drove up to Cold Spring for summering, in the forepart of the Year, were all missing when the Drovers came in. But Lieutenant undertook a Journey after them on the sixth instant, and this Evening brought in Two of them, the Third as tis judg'd dy'd in the Woods Some time agoe; the Carcase was found but was greatly corrupted etc. Lieutenant has been out 27 Shilling, and there remained 10 shilling for the Herdsman; in all the Charge amounted to 37 shilling.

1749 May 11 (Thursday). I went to Mr. James Balls to look of an Heiffer (which I bought) his price and which I agreed to was 20£ old Tenor.

1749 October 30 (Monday). Ebenezer first help'd Mr. Edwards Whipple kill a Beeve and then Mr. Whipple came and help'd him kill a Young Heiffer for me.

1750 February 21 (Wednesday). P.M. Lieutenant Tainter he informs me that he finds he shall be very short of Hay and must get some other place for my Two Heifers which he has in keeping.

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 September 28 (Thursday). At Eve Mr. Samuel Harrington here, and acquaints me that he has brought home one of the three young Cattle that were turn'd into the Woods last Spring. The other two are missing, viz. a Three Year old Heifer and a Two Year old. They were under the care of one Mr. John Curtis of Leicester, upper part.

1752 December 21 (Thursday). I went over to t'other House.... I gave Ebenezer my Yoke of Oxen, and Two Young Heifers coming Two: also a last Year Calf.

1758 June 6 (Tuesday). Mr. Abraham Williams of *Sandwich* came to see us -- the same night an Heifer which we valued was Sick and dyed.

1758 September 22 (Friday). Ensign Harrington having driven up two Heiffers of mine to his son *Samuels* at New Braintry, in the Spring, now brought 'em back to me, charging nothing for his Pains in either. Asked 20/ old tenor for his son.

1759 January 2 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter kills my Fatt Heiffer. Joseph Gamel helps him -- and they dine here.

1759 January 3 (Wednesday). At Eve Deacon *Burnap* of *Hopkinton* and Deacon Tainter comes and weighs and cutts out my Beef. Weight was 19 Score and Eight pound, the Quarters -- 35 lb. Tallow.

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 March 25 (Wednesday). Mr. *Pains* Horse loose in the Barn, and my youngest Heiffer which stood next to him, dead.

1761 March 26 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. Daniel Adams makes a partition in my Barn to keep strangers Horses from my Cattle.

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 carrys 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 October 14 (Tuesday). *John* came from Townshend with the Steers and Heiffers -- and Letter.

1769 November 10 (Friday). Neighbour Nathan Kenny here at Evening and says his Mother Williams has an Heifer that is in a strange Condition, and they fear she has been bit by a Mad Dog.

1769 December 13 (Wednesday). My son Ebenezer came from Brookfield and brought 3 Heifers to be kept at my Barn.

1770 June 14 (Thursday). Mr. Nurse drives 5 of my young Creatures, 3 Heiffers and two Steers with [blank] of his own, to *Ashby*.

1770 December 7 (Friday). William came from *Concord* -- brought my Heiffer, and some onions.

1771 September 10 (Tuesday). I have great Difficulty with my new-come-home Heiffer, being very unruly and Troublesome. Lt. Baker is ready to buy her.

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.

1772 October 31 (Saturday). My Son William returns to *Concord* and takes with him a 2 year old Steer and a fat Heiffer which I have Sold him.

1773 March 18 (Thursday). *Billy* pays me £14 old Tenor for the Steer he bought of me. He pays me also 31£ for the fat Heiffer which he had with the Steer. P.M. he leaves us to go home.

1773 November 17 (Wednesday). P.M. Mrs. P _____ visits Mrs. *Bass*. I went at Eve to accompany her home. Capt. *Baldwin* Sends my Cattle home, viz. three -- My Steer of 4 years past, and two heiffers. Six yearlings of his also are drove here to be kept for him the winter ensuing.

1777 November 5 (Wednesday). *Elias*, on *Brecks* Mare, undertakes to go up to *Cois* Hill to drive down my young Cattle.

1777 November 12 (Wednesday). *Elias* returned from *Cois*'s Hill, *Brookfield* but from *Baldwins* of *Shrewsbury* only, this morning. He has brought but 4 Creatures out of six -- but an Heiffer I designed to kill, in missing. See the 5th.

1777 November 28 (Friday). *Elias* goes in search of my Heiffer and steer missing from *Cois*'s Hill.

1778 February 2 (Monday). *Elias* rides to *Holden* to one Mr. *Samuel Grant*'s who has advertized an Heiffer, which he had strayed. *Elias* thinks it is Mine, but Mr. *Grant* says he took in this, as long ago as last June, therefore E. returns without her.

1778 February 23 (Monday). Was at Squire *Bakers* about my lost Heiffer.

1778 February 26 (Thursday). Though this was the Day which Squire *Baker* appointed for *Elias* to go with him to *Holden* after my stray Heiffer, but the Squire was not come home; Roads exceeding bad; therefore that Design is given up for the Present.

1778 March 20 (Friday). I was forc'd to go up to Squire *Baker* and get him to go to *Holden* after my Stray Heiffer.

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.