

Hogs

1736 January 14 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. *Daniel Maynard brought me an Hog*, of 164 weight which I bargained for some time agoe.

1736 September 6 (Monday). N.B. greatly pestered and fatigued last night and to Day by Brothers Hogs, as my family was all last week, every Day. Brother Hicks goes to Cambridge and leaves His Hog Unyoked -- whilst David has been and continues all this while confined by his Lameness.

1738 February 13 (Monday). Mr. Tainter came and kill'd our Hog. Weigh'd about 12 score.... Brother Hicks just at night pinch'd up the Barn Floor, and cutt up and Salted my Pork at Evening.

1739 August 16 (Thursday). Mr. Cornelius Biglo brought Two Hoggs for which I agreed to give him 6£ and 2/6 for bringing them, of which I gave him 3£ in hand.

1739 August 31 (Friday). John Rogers mowed Rowing. P.M. he Sett anew the Fence before the old House and putt up the stone wall under it. N.B. We had been troubled with Brother Hicks's Hoggs breaking in.

1740 January 2 (Wednesday). Very high winds and extreme Cold...of Stourbridge here and din'd with us. We were very Short of Wood and were oblig'd to Cut up an Old Hoggs Sty to burn.

1740 January 7 (Monday). Mr. Jedidiah How help'd by Noah kill'd Two Hogs for me. Weight of my Two Hoggs was 19 Score.

1740 January 8 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter tarried in the Evening and Cut up and Salted my Two Hoggs which were kill'd Yesterday. They weighed both of them about 19 Score.

1740 October 9 (Thursday). In great perplexity in the fore part of the Day by Reason of the Cattle and Hoggs breaking in upon my few Apples, tossing about the piles of Stalks, etc. Old Mr. Maynard at my urgent request Sent his son Ebenezer who with his Cousens Team carted the Stalks into the Barn and the Apples over to Mr. Hows Mill.

1742 November 8 (Monday). At Eve Brother Hicks led an Hogg here which I bought of him at 10d per pound alive.

1742 November 9 (Tuesday). Weighed the Hogg brought yesterday. 164.

1743 January 4 (Tuesday). Neighbour Rogers and Chamberlain kill'd a Hogg for me (which when lean I bought of Brother Hicks) weigh'd 188.

1744 January 13 (Friday). We kill'd a second Hogg, Weight 265, by Neighbour Ebenezer Maynard and Thomas Winchester.

1744 December 3 (Monday). Mr. Samuel Williams and Mr. Charles Rice kill'd 2 Hoggs between 10 and 11 Score apiece.

1746 January 20 (Monday). Neighbour David Maynard junior, John Rogers, and Richard Barns kill'd Two Hoggs for me -- one weigh'd 242. The other 224 when they were warm.

1746 August 2 (Saturday). be turn'd and taken up. Considerable Hay lies in swarth at the Meadow -- and what to be reap'd So that I have no little Care upon me to interrupt me though I can do none of the Labour. Cattle and Hoggs often breaking in. How many Times my Soul is oppress'd in this manner!

1746 November 21 (Friday). Mr. Samuel Harrington here. I traded with him for one of his Hoggs, and am to give him 15 d. per pound (old Tenor).

1746 December 2 (Tuesday). Mr. David Maynard and his Brother Ebenezer came and kill'd Two Hoggs for me. One weigh'd 232. The other 202. Mr. Harrington also brought a Hogg which I bought of him lately -- which weigh'd 335. In all 769 pounds of Pork cutt and Salted up this Evening.

1746 December 11 (Thursday). Rainy yet. Neighbour Ebenezer came; we tackl'd and loaded, and he went off -- but before noon he return'd -- the Rain and bad road discourag'd him. He din'd with us but would take nothing for his Pains about the Pork. At Eve we Salted it up. N.B. Our Two first Hoggs weighed 232 and 202. Mr. Harringtons 335. This Sow weigh'd 261. In all that we Salted up 1030.

1747 October 1 (Thursday). Very rainy Morning. Troubled with our Hoggs, which have one Time after another got in upon the Heaps of Apples.

1748 February 22 (Monday). A fine Day though the snow is deep. Lieutenant Tainter came and killed me an Hog. Weighed 245.

1749 January 12 (Thursday). Neighbour Ebenezer Maynard kill'd an Hogg for me, my son Thomas and Nathan Knowlton assisting.

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 January 21 (Monday). Daniel How assisted Ebenezer and Thomas in Killing Two large Hoggs. Each 12 Score, 11 3/4.

1751 March 12 (Tuesday). After Dinner I undertook a Journey to Leicester -- call'd at Mr. Maccartys, met Mr. Lull in Shrewsbury with a Drove of Hoggs, reach'd Mr. Goddards and lodg'd there.

1751 December 2 (Monday). Ebenezer and Thomas brought a Side of an Hog, kill'd at t'other House -- weigh'd (the whole Hog) 11 Score and 17 pound.

1751 December 3 (Tuesday). Ebenezer went to Grafton after our two stray piggs, but in vain, he returns at Evening without 'em.

1752 December 7 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter and his son Simon, and Neighbour Eleazer Williams kill'd an Hog for me of 253.... Lieutenant at Evening. Salted up my Pork.

1752 December 20 (Wednesday). Mr. Hezekiah Pratt and Mr. Aaron Nurse assisted in Killing my other Hog. Weigh'd 9 Score and Six Pounds. At Eve Mr. David Maynard assisted in Cutting it out.

1755 September 19 (Friday). N.B. We have been much troubl'd by ten Hogs of Captain Samuel Forbush, which get into my Corn Field.

1755 September 23 (Tuesday). N.B. We are exceedingly troubl'd by Captain Forbushes Hogs at my Cook Field -- 10 of them and have been in nigh 10 Times. I got Mr. Ebenezer Forbush to mend my Fence -- and yet they got in. I went to the Captain's and they promis'd to Shutt them up.

1756 January 5 (Monday). Bargained with Mr. Ebenezer Forb. for an Hog at 16 d. per pound to be killed to Day.

1756 January 6 (Tuesday). Mr. Ebenezer Forb. brought an Hog of 211 lb., at 16 d. old Tenor, per pound, which is £14.1.4, which I have bought of him. And my Son Ebenezer brought 2 Quarters of a Cow he had killed, the weight 200, at 13 d. Deacon Jonathan Forb. junior at night brought me in Cash 24£ 17.3 old Tenor to which we added 4£ and 2 d. of Ebenezer Forb. Rates (part of pay for his Hog) which made 28.17.5 and he had brought me as a present from his Father and himself 22 pound weight of the pork which they had killed. May God grant me an Heart to make a right Improvement of his constant and neverfailing Care and Kindness to me and mine!

1756 August 26 (Thursday). Am Sorry that one of my Swine, while I was gone, did Mischief in my Neighbour *Beeton's Field*. I viewed his Fence; and found that by measure the Rails, between which the Hog got in, were 14 Inches apart.

1756 September 21 (Tuesday). *Billy* gathers part of the Island Corn. Nathan Kenny helped him p.m. We were obliged to gather it because of the Hoggs invading it.

1756 December 27 (Monday). I rode to the widow Forb. about Pork. Bought a Side of an Hog of her, the other side being bespoke by her Brother Zebulun Rice; and thence I rode, through much difficulty in the Snow, to Ensign *Harringtons*, where I dined. P.M. at Ensign Millers where I bought another side of Pork, the other side of that was sold to his son *Seth*.

1756 December 28 (Tuesday). Neighbour Alpheus Newton kills a large Hog for me -- weighed 269, and a smaller, weighed 152.

1757 December 22 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter and his son came kindly[,] killed an Hog for me - - weight 239 1/4 and the Deacon came at Night, cutt it out and Salted it up.

1758 March 14 (Tuesday). Alexander brought over the Hog Corn from t'other House.

1759 March 1 (Thursday). N.B. Deacon Tainter and Neighbour Seth Morse killed two Hoggs for me, about 340 weight together, and Deacon came also at night to cutt out and Salt up.

1760 January 21 (Monday). Deacon Tainter brings Artemas Bruce, and we had sent for Neighbour Hezekiah Pratt, to help us kill an Hog -- weighed 11 Score and 7 pounds. At Eve Mrs. Prudence Hardy and her sister Rice of Sutton and her son Asahel, Supped here as did Deacon Tainter who not only killed, but cutt and salted up my Pork.

1761 February 10 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter kindly came and weighed my Hoggs, one [blank], the other [blank]. He also cutt it out and Salted it for me. P.M. he went to Boston and carried a Leg of Pork for me to my Kinswoman *Oliver*.

1764 October 1 (Monday). Much interrupted and disturbed by the breaking in of Sheep and Hoggs (my own) into my Field.

1764 December 6 (Thursday). Capt. Wood kills an Hog for me. Nathan Kenny helps him. At Eve Deacon Tainter kindly came and cutt and salted it for me. Weighed 171 lbs.

1765 January 3 (Thursday). Mr. Batherick and Mr. Ebenezer Forb. came, and Neighbour Lock assisting, killed two Hoggs for me. One weighed 11 score and about 6 lbs.; the other 10 Score and about 4 lbs. They dined with us, and Neighbour Lock kindly came at Eve and cutt up and salted.

1765 January 23 (Wednesday). Mr. Tainter brought Billy an Hog. Weighed 9 Score and 14 lbs. at 2/. I hired 60£ old Tenor of Billy.

1766 January 23 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter and Capt. Wood (Billy and Breck assisting) killed my two Hogs. One weighed 262 lbs., the other 256. The men aforesaid dined with me. Deacon came at night to help cut up and Salt down. Supped with me.

1767 January 8 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter and Capt. Wood killed for me the Hog which I bought last year of Mr. Kinsman. It weighed 282.

1767 March 6 (Friday). Deacon Tainter came and killed an Hog for me (assisted by Jonas Kenny)... Towards Night the kind Deacon came, as he is wont, to cut out and salt up my Pork; which he doth with Dexterity and Despatch.

1767 April 10 (Friday). Capt. Wood and Mr. Ebenezer Maynard kill an Hog for me, which weighs 225 lbs.

1767 October 10 (Saturday). R. Temple and Jonas Kenny came from Mr. Nurse's and pitched up the Husks. John carries up the Hog Corn.

1767 December 24 (Thursday). Neighbour John Wood and Thomas Arnold came and killed an Hog for me -- that which I bought December 2 last Year of Mr. John Brigham.... At Eve Mr. Wood is so kind as to come again and cut out my Pork. It weighs but one pound short of 15 score.

1768 March 24 (Thursday). Deacon Wood and Mr. Tainter kill two of our Hogs (nigh 11 Months old) and at Eve they came and cutt them out. N.B. they weighed, one 201, and 216. They were at Supper with us. Mrs. Tainter also.

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1768 December 12 (Monday). Am exceeding uneasy at *Alexanders* Delay. 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 January 11 (Wednesday). Mr. David Maynard and Neighbour Barnabas Newton killed our 2d Hog. At Eve John, assisted by Nehemiah Maynard, Cut it out. Weighed 229.

1770 January 3 (Wednesday). Mr. Ebenezer Maynard came and killed an Hog for me, and dined here.

1771 January 2 (Wednesday). Mr. William Wood yesterday fell into a Tub wherein was hot Water to scald an Hog, and was Sorrowfully scall'd. I visited him and prayed with him.

1771 January 18 (Friday). Deacon *Wood* came and brought his Kinsman *Benjamin* and likewise *John Whitney* came to assist 'em; and killed a large Hog for me.

1771 January 19 (Saturday). A.M. Deacon Wood cut out and salts up my pork.

1771 September 14 (Saturday). We were in no Small Surprize at finding one of our Hogs in the lower Well. We are not able to tell how he got in. *Joseph Hardy* and *John Arnold* were at work for Mr. B. Newton not far off, and at our Call ran, went down into the Well, fastened a Rope about him, and with help of others, drew him up, and as far as we could discern, unhurt. It was an Hog we were fattening, and pritty heavy.

1771 October 3 (Thursday). My Fields are exceedingly infested with Creatures -- both Cattle and Hogs, both my own and my Neighbours.

1771 October 9 (Wednesday). It was So great a Storm Night and Morn that we could not husk. Cattle and Hogs very troublesome.

1771 October 10 (Thursday). My Fields are so infested with Cattle and Hogs that we were forced to go and begin to Cut up the Island Field -- but the Rain beat them off of my Corn.

1771 October 22 (Tuesday). Mr. *Tainter* killed an Hog for me. Weighed 9 Score and 11 lbs.

1772 February 8 (Saturday). Neighbour Nathan Kenny came and assisted in cutting out and salting our Pork. The Hogg weighed [blank], the Pig weighed [blank].

1772 April 8 (Wednesday). N.B. The Deliverances of this Day and Evening were noticeable. When I was going to mount Mr. *Bradshaws* Horse, he was So merry and nestling that he pushed me down backward over an Hog-Trough and Stood over me, helpless, and it was wonderfull that being so over me and full of Motions he did not trample me to Death. May God be magnified and may I have a proper Sense of His Sparing Mercy!

1773 March 29 (Monday). Mr. Jonathan Batherick came, at Brecks procuring, to work upon the Frame of an Hog's Sty.

1773 August 13 (Friday). George Ratcliff is at work on the New Hogsty -- boarding and Shingling it.

1774 January 19 (Wednesday). Deacon *Wood* and Mr. *Thaddeus Warrin* killed two Hogs for me. One of them weighed about 300. (It wanted half a pound of it.) The other weighed 188.

1776 January 2 (Tuesday). Went to Capt. Bakers and Saw the great Market there for Oxen, Hogs etc. I dined there with a Number of their Butchers etc.

1776 February 2 (Friday). Mr. *Thaddeus Warrin* kills two young Hogs for me.

1776 August 17 (Saturday). Mr. Lambson in the morning repairs the Appendages of the Hogs-stye; and then goes, his Brother *Nat* and *Ben Tainter* junior also with him, about 9 o'Clock to raking Hay at the *Newton* Meadow.

1777 May 7 (Wednesday). The Scenes Shift: My Principal Hog has languished for some time, in a Consumption, and he has this day (as we suppose) dyed, to our considerable Loss and Disappointment -- but was not found.

1777 September 1 (Monday). We have more Discovery of the great Ravage Neighbour Newtons Hogs have done at my Island Field.

1777 September 2 (Tuesday). P.M. I went up to Mr. *Newton's* to bespeak his Chaise, and acquaint him with the Dammage done to my Field by his Hoggs.

1778 December 31 (Thursday). Mr. John Fay dines here and kills two Hogs for me. Mr. Harr. helping.

1780 January 21 (Friday). Mr. Solomon Batherick and his Brother came and killed my principal Hog, which weighed 190.

1780 April 21 (Friday). Was forced to go to Dr. Hawes on the Account of his Sheep, which were again yesterday upon my Field of Rye, and was at Neighbor Caleb Harrington's, his Hogs having done Mischief several times in my Garden, and mentioned to him my putting out my Chauncey Meadows to the halves, much interrupted and tossed in spirit by having no man to work for me, when so many different affairs to mind, in looking after my Husbandry at this Season, and Creatures to guard from transgressing.

1780 December 28 (Thursday). Several Neighbours came and killed my largest Hog. There were Messrs. Thad Warrin, Sol Batherick and Caleb Harrington. They would not stay to dine with us. The Hog weighed 316 pounds.