

Hovels and Vaults

1740 November 20 (Thursday). Neighbor Warrin building me a Hovel.

1740 November 21 (Friday). Neighbour Warrin finishing the Hovel.

1746 October 25 (Saturday). Still admirable Weather. My Sons harrow'd my Settle Field. Also We Cover'd up about 3 Bushel of Turnips and about a Dozen and half of Cabbages in a Vault prepar'd for that Purpose.

1746 November 20 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Thomme build a new Hoval at the East End of the Barn. The Cattle were all hous'd.

1751 November 15 (Friday). P.M. Mr. Claffland work'd for me; is making an Hovell for my Cattle.

1751 November 16 (Saturday). Mr. Claffland all Day -- upon the Hovell etc.

1748 November 18 (Friday). Ebenezer digging a Vault.

1751 November 23 (Saturday). Samuel Bumpso work'd gratis at the Vault of the little House. But it grows very Cold.

1751 November 26 (Tuesday). P.M. Mr. Claffland finish'd the Hovell.

1751 November 27 (Wednesday). Chimney, the morning being pleasant: and my son Ebenezer here to help him. But by that Time the Staging was compleated, the weather was So Cold, he quitted it. Samuel Bumpso here and din'd with us. P.M. they all clapp'd to and finish'd the Vault of the Little House, and bank'd it up.

1751 November 28 (Thursday). Mr. Claffland works here; putting up a Sort of Shed on the Northside of the House. The Cold beats him off p.m.

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....

1765 December 18 (Wednesday). Mr. Nurse makes a little Door for me at the Barn, out of the Barnside into the Hovell.

1767 November 28 (Saturday). Richard Temple came from *Ashby*. Dined here -- stays and I set him to rebuild my Hovel.

1768 December 5 (Monday). *Temple* (who worked for me last Saturday in building me an Hovel at the East End of the Barn and had lodged here till this morning) goes to work at Lt. Bakers.

1780 December 4 (Monday). A great Disappointment arose by means of nine young Cattle of Squire's which broke in upon and destroyed a great part of my Straw which was designed for several uses: Harrington lays up a part of it on the Hovel and Cart Shed -- but, the Cattle very troublesome, and a sad interruption to me after they had been driven away, [sic]

1780 December 13 (Wednesday). My Hovel, overloaded with straw, in the late Storm of Rain, broke down: Mr. Lamson and Stephen Maynard kindly came and repaired it. They dined here.

1781 April 30 (Monday). I am very much afflicted by my Sheep, which by reason of their unruliness, I am forced to keep confined to the Hovel-Yard, and give them dry Meat.