

## Meal

1740 April 26 (Saturday). David Baverick made a Meal Chest for me.

1748 October 4 (Tuesday). Was at Mr. Knowltons who was very kind favouring me with Rie meal and a Quarter of Mutton which I brought home with me for we had great need of them being in hopes of divers Hands tomorrow to gather and husk my Corn -- and had no Body that I could send so far to mill as Mr. Drury's.

1749 November 2 (Thursday). The Air pritty Cold. The setting in of the Cold thus makes me very sollicitous and Concern'd about Keeping for my Stock. But I confide in Him who made the Meal in the Barrell and the Oyl in the Cruse last, and provid'd so much for us in the season past, beyond our Fears will Still extend his Care of us and bless our Store as he has done before.

1751 August 6 (Tuesday). Deacon Kimbal at the New House. Baldwin and his Man John all this Time there and my Daughter Molly lodges and works also, tending upon the Workmen in their Meals etc.

1752 July 9 (Thursday). N.B. Mrs. Mary Steward visited us and left a present in silver (50/ old Tenor) in new linnen Cloth for Shirts for several of my little Children, and in some Rie meal, to the Value of near 5£ old Tenor.

1756 January 30 (Friday). At Eve I was in much Trouble about *Billy*, it being very Dark and Sometimes rainy. At length he came, and Mr. *Simon Tainter* with him, having another Yoke of Oxen, to assist him. They brought 18 Bushels of Indian Meal, and two of Rye bolted.

1757 February 4 (Friday). *Billy* went to Mr. Johnsons Mill in Southborough with a Team, Carrying 8 Bushels of Indian and 4 of Rye, and came home early, the whole grownd into good meal. But it proves a great Trouble that we can't succeed at Mr. *Whipples* which is so much nearer.

1765 January 3 (Thursday). N.B. a Number of Neighbours went with Teams to Mr. Daniel and Timothy Warrins, who gave Wood, and brought me 5 Load. They were Capt. Wood and his son with a Team, Mr. Timothy Warrin, Lt. Joseph Baker, Ezra Baker, Barnabas Newton, each with a Team. With Lt. Baker came also Silas Hill. Besides these, Neighbour Zebulun Rice and his son Adam, and Moses Wheelock, went to chop. A Great Kindness at this Time! The Lord graciously reward 'em for it. We had not time to get 'em an hot meal; but treated 'em with what we could set before them.

1765 April 18 (Thursday). *Publick Fast*. Preached a. and p.m. on Ps. 65.5.11.... At my Wife's motion we omitted having a Sett Meal immediately after the last Meeting but had our Supper as usual Except that lesser Children had something given them. I would avoid Superstition but Should be glad to reform what ever has been amiss. The Lord accept our Offerings!

1765 September 21 (Saturday). Waters are so low that Thomas returns from Drury's without Meal.

1768 February 29 (Monday). For want of English Hay, John cuts Rye straw and mixes Meal for the mare.

1768 April 1 (Friday). A Time of Difficulty with us by reason of Shortness of Hay -- two Cows have calv'd; by the Snow and cold and slender portions of English Hay, fear they will not do well. We give them the more Meal, of which, through divine Goodness, we have good store.

1771 August 22 (Thursday). We have so many Swine and have so Spent our Meal that I went to Mr. Thomas Temple's and got two Bushels and brought it home my self.

1777 January 23 (Thursday). Are in some *Perplexity*; being not able to get Supply of Wood or Meal. It is a dry, cold, freezing season; the Roads lcy, Slippery, yet much bare ground; and poor sledding: In the woods the snow is too deep for a Cart. And as to *Grinding*, the mills of this and the next neighboring Towns fail very much. Some go to *Sawyer Mill* at *Lancaster*.

1779 May 17 (Monday). Visit at Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlain junior. He presents me half a bushel of Indian meal -- tells me his Brother Daniel went to Marblehead with a load of Indian and Rye, and had 25 Dollars p. Bushel.