

## Milk

1726 July 16 (Saturday). Molly was much indispos'd and I sent Yesterday to Marlborough for Mrs. Williams but she was not there. To Day I sent Hannah Peterson to her house, but she sent me Reasons she thought Sufficient for her not coming. We were very low at the news my wife being oppress'd with Every illness: The Procidentia, etc., the turning of her Milk, Her Mouth Obstructed, pain in her Breast, and great pain and weakness in Every part.

1738 September 6 (Wednesday). At about 9 a.m. my Wife and I set out upon our Journey to Springfield and New Haven.... P.M. rode to Richardsons at Brookfield by about 1/4 after 5. N.B. These Richardsons were heretofore Malden Milk Folks to our Family at Boston. They were very obliging and would receive no pay but for our Oats.

1738 December 30 (Saturday). My wife in great Pain. Mrs. Maynard here. At Evening my wife exceedingly pained under her Breasts -- thought to be the Coming of her milk. Molly Lee and the Nurse watch'd.

1739 November 22 (Thursday). Before I got up I was in great Pains in my Bowels. The Day was a very ill Day with me. I had eat Milk the night before with good appetite, and I thought it sat So well upon my stomach that I might eat boil'd milk this Morning, but I was thereupon greatly disordered. Sick, faint, and Vomited Several Times in the Day Casting up whatever I took down.

1746 April 24 (Thursday). Brother Hicks Set out from Cambridge with us.... Some bad News also from our own Family at Westborough That a few Days agoe my Young Cow (whose Calf was newly kill'd for the sake of the Milk) was a few Nights agoe drown'd in Mr. Barns's Swamp.

1747 November 3 (Tuesday). Brother Hicks and I reckon'd, about my Cattle which he had kept in the Summer and I pay'd him 33 shillings old Tenor for keeping Six: and we reckon'd also on account of the Cow that calv'd at his House, whose Calf he kill'd and whose milk he had till Ebenezer fetch'd the Cow home and he allow'd me but 3£ for both the Calf and the milk, but I yielded to anything he would propose least we should by Some Means or other get angry, which would be worse than all the Controversy was worth. I dreaded the dangerous Minute!

1751 September 2 (Monday). Ebenezer and Thomas mend the Fence of the Pasture at the Island and bring a milk Cow, and Two fattening Creatures to pasture there.

1752 August 26 (Wednesday). My wife tends me o'nights and supply's me with Breast-Milk. Rain'd hard last night.

1753 January 29 (Monday). Mrs. Newton Sends Milk again; and from Esquire Bakers a Gallon ditto.

1758 February 11 (Saturday). Ebenezer and his Wife ride to Watertown. My wife more Comfortable and has the Blessing of her Milk come to suckle the Child. A fresh divine Favor. D.G.

1759 December 8 (Saturday). Mr. Timothy Warrin a Load of Wood a.m. Mr. Tainter another p.m. We have thirteen in Family -- and no Beef provided nor brought in except a piece Mr. Hezekiah Pratt brings to roast (he says) for Billys coming home. Our Cows give but little Milk. No body engages to get my Wood. Nor have we any Tallow. My Wife sends to Capt. Fays Wife to spare her some (for money) and she sends her an handsome present of Beef, Sewet, Tallow and a Cheese. Nor am I out of Hopes respecting other needed Articles, Since I am in the Hands of a carefull, Watchfull, faithfull, and bountiful Providence. Only the Lord grant me the Faith to live to and upon Him; to hope and Trust in Him as I ought to do!

1767 August 6 (Thursday). [Boston] Mr. Aaron Teal, a Milk Man, takes my Mare to pasture in upper part of Charlestown.

1768 April 1 (Friday). Mr. Brown takes my Mare with him to Framingham for *Alexander* to ride home. 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. Sent for Mr. Hezekiah Pratt who comes, and pulls up the weather of one of the Cows; and we prepare Comfry Root and milk, which is given her.

1775 June 8 (Thursday). I visited at Lt. *Bakers* on consideration of the Great and unusual Trouble the Family was of late exercised by. It was this: On Thursday, the first Day of the Month, Mrs. *Baker* and a Number of the Children, after eating their Breakfast of Bread and Milk, were strangely affected; were taken with *Vomiting* and *Purging*; and with some of them it continued through the Day. Nor can they, any of them give any Account of what was the Cause, or what could Ail 'em.

1776 September 15 (Sunday). When *James Hicks* went to the Cow yard for the Cows in the Morning, to drive them to the House to be milked, a young Cow (called the White Face) was fallen down *dead*, out Side the Cow Yard, an upper Rail down not far from the Place where she lay. Sent for Deacon Wood, who with *Joseph Chamberlin* came [and bleed?] her.