

Muck and Dung

1726 April 26 (Tuesday). Mr. Ward came with his Cart and We Carted out 20 Load of Muck. I made up accounts with Mr. Ward.

1726 April 27 (Wednesday). Again Carted 12 Load of Muck.

1727 January 27 (Friday). Mr. Samuel Willard of Boston Merchant was brought here by his Kinsman Mr. Simon Willard of Hassinamisco. I noted well his excessive antipathy against Mr. Thomas Smith (a Preacher) with whom he was formerly exceeding intimate. There is Sad work when Such sort of Companions fall out and rake into the Dirt and Dung hills of their Conversations to blaze the Mystery of iniquity about the world when it is Shamefull so much as to think of what is done of them in secret. But I hope God has given his grace to Mr. Smith and that he has truly repented of all his Youthfull Sins. God Grant Mr. Willard the Same, and I would not forget my Self. But I am Oblig'd to acknowledge the Goodness of God in the Restraints granted to Me, So that I never was carried to the prodigious Enormitys of Such Men. Yet God forbid I should Pharisaically Say I am not as other Men.

1727 April 22 (Saturday). Mr. Ward came with his Team and carted out Muck upon my Corn grounds.

1738 May 4 (Thursday). Watkins carted muck and Harrowed.

1739 April 26 (Thursday). Neighbor John Rogers help'd in Carting out muck.

1736 April 22 (Thursday). *John Rogers* helped David to Day in Carting Muck. Our own Cattle and Horse; Ensign Maynards Cart.

1736 May 3 (Monday). David to Day some Muck, some ploughing. Cold Season yet.

1736 November 23 (Tuesday). *David* carted out Muck. P.M. Neighbour Hezekiah How with him.

1738 May 2 (Tuesday). Hired James Bradish and Noah How to cart out Muck, but before noon came Mr. John Watkin from Upton and offer'd to undertake my Work for longer or shorter Time. Accordingly a little before noon he went to work.

1738 May 5 (Friday). Abraham Moss began to work. Watkins work'd till noon and then, with Consent, left us. Carting Muck and harrowing and furrowing out.

1739 April 25 (Wednesday). N.B. John Hicks junior help'd John Kidney in Carting out Muck.

1739 April 27 (Friday). P.M. Brother Hicks help'd John in Carting Muck.

1739 April 28 (Saturday). John Carting Muck Still.

1739 May 1 (Tuesday). John Kidney, with the Oxen help'd Brother Hicks in Carting out Muck.

1747 April 25 (Saturday). Mr. Chamberlin at work here carting out muck.

1749 April 14 (Friday). Ebenezer and Daniel cart muck a.m. and after Lecture.

1740 April 30 (Wednesday). Hicks Carting Muck (having taken the Business of my Indian Corn for half the Crop of it).

1740 May 3 (Saturday). P.M. Hicks Cart [*blank*] Load of Muck.

1740 May 7 (Wednesday). Mr. Jonah Warrin [Son of Capt. Daniel Warrin] and Benjamin Forbush [Son of Aaron Forbush] Carted 13 Load Muck with Mr. Williams's [Eleazer Williams of Westborough] Cart and Oxen.

1744 September 26 (Wednesday). Sent for to visit Mr. Thurston again who grows worse, and is very Delirious. Yet it was Evident his soul was much engag'd in deep self Abasements. Cry'd out Ashes and Muck -- rottenness etc.

1744 October 23 (Tuesday). Thomas Winchester carting out Dung from the Cow Yard.

1744 October 24 (Wednesday). Thomas Winchester carting Dung and clear'd up Rye.

1749 November 8 (Wednesday). Ebenezer is and has been variously employ'd in Carting out Muck and Spreading it etc.

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 April 26 (Friday). Ebenezer Sows Flax -- and p.m. Carts muck. Thomas helps him p.m.

1755 November 26 (Wednesday). Samuel Forbush carts out muck for me.

1757 November 14 (Monday). Adam Rice p.m. with their Oxen gets out half a Dozen Load of muck.

1751 April 27 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas Sowing Barley and Carting Muck.

1752 May 7 (Thursday). Cornelius Cook (on Mr. Hezekiah Pratt's Account) work'd for me in carting out some Muck and ploughing at my Island.

1754 April 1 (Monday). Ebenezer plough'd [in my Garden and split] the Indian Hills at my New Barn -- and carry'd out some Muck from the stables.

1754 May 6 (Monday). Mr. Jonas Twitchell works for me, carrying out Dung -- my sons Ebenezer and Thomas also hard at it. Have Ebenezers Cart and Oxen and my Mare for the Team: and borrow Deacon Newtons Cart.

1754 November 23 (Saturday). Last Night is froze hard. Billy having harrow'd yesterday with Ebenezer's Oxen at the Island at Night went home with them. He this Morning return'd here with them, and Carted out Muck into the Garden and Grass Ground. Thomas help'd him a.m. but was ill p.m.

1754 November 24 (Sunday). P.M. read Rev. 12, and by reason of my difficult Circumstances (especially being oblig'd to help yesterday in Carting out Muck) was oblig'd to repeat an old Discourse.

1756 March 10 (Wednesday). Mr. Moses *Twitchell* works for me. Spreads Muck; *Clears* north of the Burying place.

1756 April 27 (Tuesday). Billy carts Muck from the Barn. Nathan Kenny helps him. It is to my great Comfort that *Billy* is able to do So well for me as he does, since it is so exceeding Difficult for me to get Help.

1757 May 4 (Wednesday). Alexander and Breck cart Muck. Have *Barney Newtons* Cart.

1757 May 5 (Thursday). Mr. Zebulon Rice works for me in Carting Muck -- 9 Load.

1757 May 6 (Friday). William Stone, 'prentice to Mr. Rolf, works for me, carting out Muck. He and my Boys got out 10 Load.

1758 May 3 (Wednesday). N.B. Alexander with his Brothers Steers, and only the help of the little Boys Samuel and John gets out 7 Turns of Muck, though some of them the Cart not full, and perhaps neither of them So full as if the Team was stronger.

1759 March 31 (Saturday). Messrs. Whitney, Hardy, Ensign Fay and the other proprietors of the upper stables give, and desire me to take away, the Muck out of their stable. Mr. Phinehas Hardy Said and not only this Year but as long as it stands. To which the rest, I conceive, accorded.

1759 May 15 (Tuesday). With much pains got a Team for Mr. Forb. to carry out Some Muck, but by various hindrances he accomplished but part of the work.

1760 November 25 (Tuesday). My Sons, with Mr. Pratts Team, cart muck out of the Stables. P.M. Nathan Kenny helps them and they get out the Summer Dung and muck of the Cow-yard.

1765 November 19 (Tuesday). Jonathan Batherick worked here a.m. carting out muck etc.

1766 April 26 (Saturday). Caleb gets out muck from the Stables, helps in the Garden etc. P.M. goes to Framingham, and has my Mare.

1766 April 28 (Monday). *Caleb* comes at noon. He and *John* get out muck at the Stables.

1766 April 29 (Tuesday). Caleb and John carting muck from the Stables.

1766 April 30 (Wednesday). Caleb and John cart muck from the Barn.

1766 May 1 (Thursday). Caleb and John finish the muck.

1766 November 12 (Wednesday). Nathan Kenny works a.m., Jonas p.m. in getting out muck.

1767 April 2 (Thursday). Enoch Rice works a.m.; he sows Hay seed which I had of Mr. Phin. Hardy on 3 Acres of the Island; and spreads muck.

1760 April 29 (Tuesday). N.B. Elisha Forbush with a Yoke of Cattle helps in getting out our Muck and ploughing the orchard.

1761 May 7 (Thursday). Nathan *Kenny* with a Pair of Steers and Capt. Woods Oxen helps Alex get out Muck.

1764 November 15 (Thursday). Levi Rice helped John cart out our Muck.

1764 November 28 (Wednesday). Received two extraordinary large Dunghil Fowls from Mr. Samuel Allen.

1765 May 17 (Friday). Several Lads came to assist in getting out Muck and placing it in the Hills. Neighbour Levi Warrin sends Benjamin Ball and Benjamin Whitney; Mr. Tainter Sends Jonathan Forbes. They dine here. P.M. Mr. Ebenezer Maynard came and assists in planting and Mr. Hezekiah Pratt sends John Rogers.

1765 May 18 (Saturday). Thomas and John still carrying out Muck and planting. They finish our Planting Corn.

1765 November 18 (Monday). *Levi Rice* helped John to Day in Carting out Muck.

1766 November 11 (Tuesday). Nathan Kenny helps John in getting out Muck -- chiefly from the Door.

1777 May 6 (Tuesday). A Number of Men at Work in Carting out muck, viz. Mr. *Nurse* with 2 Teams, Thad *Warrin* and *Chamberlain*.

1778 December 21 (Monday). Mrs. P. kills 5 Geese, and 6 dunghill Fowls for market with the Pork. For it appears necessary to make some money of what we raise that we may be able to purchase what is wanting in other respects.

1780 November 29 (Wednesday). Wightman here. Mr. Thad. Warrin and his son John came at almost ten o'clock a.m. and carted Muck.

1780 April 25 (Tuesday). Hopkins goes to work -- uses my Steers and Deacon Wood's Oxen and Harrow and Ben Wood helps, in harrowing and getting out muck.

1780 April 29 (Saturday). Kenny and his Son came to get out muck, and has my Steers and Cart. Mr. Moses Nurse joins with his Horses and waggon.