

### Oats (and Oated)

1726 January 10 (Monday). Neighbor Clark dress'd Flax for me, and his Son thrash'd Oats.

1726 April 11 (Monday). Robert Henry came to live with me. Neighbor Clark Sow'd My Oats, and Some Peas. William Clark Harrow'd till Eleven o'Clock and then Robert took the Work.

1726 May 19 (Thursday). In the Morning I got on my Journey home. I lit of one [blank] of Lancaster who behaved himself very handsomely and bore my Expenses of Eating and Drinking and oats at the Tavern.

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 September 20 (Wednesday). N.B. Our Great Suspence whether we Should ride Springfield Road again or to Windham. One Mr. Stebbins was going to Springfield. Many Arguments were us'd against Bolton and Ashford Road, but most of all my Wife's Circumstances prevail'd to go Springfield way. Mr. Willys and Mr. Ellery accompany'd us as far as Grants<sup>1</sup> Tavern, where we din'd, oated etc. and all at their Expenche.

1739 April 21 (Saturday). Mr. Damon of Leicester here. We sow'd a few Oates.

1742 March 29 (Monday). At Waltham I called at Mr. Harringtons for Oats, and there Mr. Warham Williams<sup>2</sup> was engaged in an Exercise. He preached on Joh. 5.42.

1754 December 27 (Friday). N.B. 5 Bushels of Oats of Solomon Miller at 8/ old Tenor.

1756 August 11 (Wednesday). Billy reaps Oats.

1757 December 10 (Saturday). Dined at Mr. Samuel Baldwins at Westown about 2 p.m. Oated at Coll. Buckminsters.

1759 August 15 (Wednesday). Mr. Daniel Hardy and his son Adams cart home (gratis) my Rye and Oats from the Island.

1760 April 25 (Friday). Mr. Nurse sows Oats for me.

1760 October 11 (Saturday). Alex -- having thrashed out our Oats -- winnows up about 16 B.

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<sup>1</sup>Ebenezer Grant (Yale 1726), a leading merchant and inn-keeper in the East parish of Windsor (now East Windsor). Dexter, p. 328.

<sup>2</sup>Warham Williams (1699-1751), Harvard 1719, minister at Waltham, 1723-1751; *SHG*, 6:361-64.

1764 December 18 (Tuesday). Mr. Adonijah Rice winnows Oats -- but chiefly Rye -- 11 1/2 Bushels of Rye.

1766 August 6 (Wednesday). Caleb and John get in the last Load of Meadow Hay.... Caleb mows green Oats etc.

1766 August 7 (Thursday). Caleb and John get in a Load of Stover cut within the Island Field -- some Grass, Some Weeds, Some Oates cut before ripe.

1769 September 6 (Wednesday). Sat out from Mr. Palmers and got to Taunton unhappily at a Time when the great Bridge was taken up, and was obliged to go 'round by the *Ware*-Bridge. But had been kindly received and entertained by Robert *Luscomb* Esq. Was also generously entertained at [blank] Dean's, Taverner, where Oated and dined (gratis).

1772 November 10 (Tuesday). Called at Mr. *Prentice's* at *Holliston*, who is confined with the Gout. Proceeded to Mr. *Bucknams* (by help of Mr. *John Leland* who piloted us through the difficult way), and we dined there. Oated at *Man's* Tavern in *Wrentham* past 3 p.m. Arrived at Eve at Mr. *Palmers* at *Norton*, and lodged there.

1775 July 13 (Thursday). Missed my Way (and therewith Dinner) in *Hopkinton*. Went to See Dr. *Bond* at [torn] who refreshed me and my Horse. Went in to Capt. *Thomas Mellen* torn] -- [illegible] oated at Mr. *Fitch's* -- at Mr. *Barretts* -- arrived at home before sun-setting.

1780 January 20 (Thursday). Elias goes again to Mill and Breck with him and carry of Rye Indian and Oats, Six Bushel.