

Pigs

1726 January 17 (Monday). Last night was Exceeding Cold. This Morning One of my Summer Piggs I perceived was frozen to Death.

1736 July 5 (Monday). I rode up to Mrs. Hannah Brecks, and bought Two well fleshed Piggs, at 16/ per. David Batherick according to my Order came down with Panniers to transport the Piggs in.

1738 February 24 (Friday). Mr. Jonathan Whipple was So kind as to present me with a Store Pigg about Six weeks old.

1739 January 22 (Monday). N.B. We kill'd the Pig which I bought Some Time agoe of Lieutenant Holloway. Weight 126£.

1739 April 18 (Wednesday). Receiv'd a Young Sow Pigg from Mr. Williams.

1739 May 7 (Monday). N.B. Mr. William Nurse brought me a fine Pigg of Two Months old and receiv'd only 2/6 (which was Scarcely a Quarter Price) for it. N.B. receiv'd also a Pig of a Month old from Brother Hicks.

1739 November 12 (Monday). N.B. David Maynard, junior and his Brother Jotham came and had Two Store Piggs of me. The one weigh'd 46, the other 54.

1739 November 19 (Monday). Jotham Maynard had another Store Pigg. Weigh'd 52.

1739 November 21 (Wednesday). Brother Hicks kill'd a Pigg for me of about 48 pounds to Send to Boston, and Fowls kill'd at Eve, that Mr. Winchester going down for me upon the errand of a Maid there, might not go empty.

1740 February 22 (Friday). The Sow discovered to have Eight Piggs.

1740 May 24 (Saturday). Rainy. Mr. Daniel Warrin work'd for me somewhat more than half a Day getting Riders for the Stone Wall, Yokes for the piggs, etc.

1742 May 3 (Monday). Had a sow Pigg of Neighbour Chamberlain.

1742 June 21 (Monday). Came home by Mr. Snells by whom my wife sent Two Piggs to Boston.

1742 September 29 (Wednesday). Mr. Jonas Morse of Marlborough bought a sow and 4 young Piggs of me.

1745 May 25 (Saturday). Neighbor Jedidiah How cutt 5 young Piggs for me.

1745 June 7 (Friday). Mr. Green here for a Pigg I sold him. Weigh'd [*blank*].

1745 December 14 (Saturday). Lieutenant Aaron Forbush kill'd a Pigg which weigh'd 114 for me.

1745 December 24 (Tuesday). Thomas Winchester came and Thrash'd a.m. and p.m. kill'd Two Piggs which weigh'd about 100 apiece.

1745 December 25 (Wednesday). Thomas Winchester Went to Boston with the Two Piggs on my Mare.

1746 June 14 (Saturday). The Sow missing yesterday and this morning -- at length found by the Side of a great Pine Logg in the Hill, with Ten Piggs.

1747 November 16 (Monday). Neighbour Ebenezer Maynard kill'd a Pigg for me which at home Weigh'd 64. His Brother Nathan at Eve went with it to Boston.

1747 November 18 (Wednesday). Nathan Maynard who carry'd a Pig to Boston for me, return'd last night and tells me that there was a great uproar and Mobb in Boston by Reason of a certain Man of War coming in there and pressing a great Number of Men the night before.

1748 April 22 (Friday). Killed a Pigg that weighed 7 score and 19 pound. I stuck it myself. Noah How and Ebenezer dressed it.

1750 December 19 (Wednesday). Ebenezer assisted by Neighbour Ebenezer Maynard kill'd a Sow for me which had never had any Piggs and which weigh'd 224.

1751 December 3 (Tuesday). Ebenezer went to Grafton after our two stray piggs, but in vain, he returns at Evening without 'em.

1752 January 2 (Thursday). Mr. Isaac Harrington here to tell me my piggs were at Mr. Thomas Axtell's.

1752 January 4 (Saturday). Cold. Ebenezer to Mr. Thomas Axtell's with a Whirry and brought home my piggs which had been so long lost; he having shut them up and fed them as his own.

1752 January 14 (Tuesday). Mr. Thomas Axtell of Grafton here about his keeping of my piggs. He leaves it to Mr. Phinehas Hardy to judge between us.

1752 March 13 (Friday). Mr. Thomas Axtell here, and with him Mr. Aaron Hardy. Mr. Axtell here many House -- he din'd here -- with much Ado we came to an agreement. I engag'd him 4 Bushels of Indian Corn for what he had given my Piggs.

1752 May 27 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and Thomas plant our South Field over again, it having been rooted up by young Piggs.

1752 June 15 (Monday). Ebenezer has met with several Checks upon the Field of Indian Corn on the south side of the Road. The piggs rooted it up a while ago so that he was forc'd to plant the chief of it over again: and now as soon as it is come up again a Flock of Sheep has broke in upon it and crop'd it down.

1752 November 27 (Monday). In the Eve Ebenezer was here, and we had some talk of our Settling our Affairs -- his Labour on the place as taking it to the halves etc. I gave him Two Ridgling Piggs of last Spring, over and above, but we defer the Exact Settling.

1754 February 5 (Tuesday). Ebenezer kill'd 5 Swine. One of 13 Score, a sow of nigh 11 Score, and three pigs of 5 or 6 score. Three of those swine he sent to Mr. James Allen of Boston, Tayler, per Lieutenant Maynard.

1754 June 3 (Monday). Mr. Nurse's Piggs (being unyolked), root up great part of my Field by the Barn to our great Grief.

1756 February 6 (Friday). At Eve came Mr. Daniel Forbush and brought a live Pig, which weighed 90 lb. at 12 d. per pound.

1758 June 26 (Monday). Deacon Tainter came and invited me and my Wife to dinner. We accordingly dined there. N.B. they had dressed a very large Pigg to entertain us.

1758 December 22 (Friday). Capt. Wood killed a sow pig for me, weighed 143 lb.... At Night Capt. Wood, who Supped with me.

1759 January 12 (Friday). Deacon Tainter comes and kills a sow pig for me, weighs 126 pound. He comes also kindly at night and cutts and Salts and Supps. I present him *Doolittle's* Young Mans Instructor and old mans remembrancer, which I formerly bought of Mr. Richard (afterwards Coll.) Saltonstall.

1759 November 9 (Friday). N.B. in the afternoon I was much troubled by Piggs in the Garden, and was tempted to expose my self to the endangering my Health to drive them out and watch them, my Daughters that remain at home with me being very infirm.

1760 March 3 (Monday). Mr. David Maynard killed a Pig for me -- weighed about an 100. He dined with me.

1760 April 1 (Tuesday). Mr. Aaron Nurse kills a Pig for me of 110 pound. He also hoops for me Several Tubbs -- an Hogshead etc.

1760 December 9 (Tuesday). Mr. Joseph Baker takes my two fat Piggs, which weigh 150 -- and he brings me a Pig from his Brother *Solomons* (which he says weighed there 136), which I am to have for the Pigs he carried away, he allowing me the Difference between their Weight @ 16d per pound.

1760 December 10 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter and Capt. Wood came to kill the Baker Pig, but first weigh it; and though he had had a good Breakfast, yet he weigh'd but 130. I sent for Mr. Baker, who came; and on his part, tells me he had weighed at home the pigs he had of me - - and, though last night, when he weighed them they fell Short but half a Pound a piece -- yet this morning he weighed them and they fell short 16 Pound. But we left our Affair in the Hands of the two Neighbours here with us, who proceeded to kill the Baker Pig. Deacon Tainter dined here.

1760 December 11 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter came and tells me the Affair of the Piggs is Settled that the Weight Shall be allowed according to what they were at each of their homes, viz. mine 150, and Mr. Bakers 136; which gives 14 lb. overplus for Baker to pay me for @ 16d per pound as we at first agreed. Deacon weighs the Dead pig and finds it (as he says) 96. He cutts and Salts it up for me. N.B. Deacon was troubled with me that I would not consent to give 2/ per pound for Bakers Pork, and so settle the Affair that way; where as that was what I had all along refused to do -- because 2/ was the Boston price, and no allowance for carrying down and besides he said they had weighed my pigs and they fell short 15.

1766 April 23 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter making a Pig Sty. Caleb and John plow East Yard and Indian-Hills of Beeton Field etc. Mr. Daniel Forbes junior with his Account of Boards and slitwork for my Corn Barn. Caleb and John fetch 2 Pigs from Mr. Tainter, which cost 30/ apiece old Tenor -- they are [*blank*] weeks old.

1767 July 27 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Solomon Bakers wife with presents of Roast Pig and Cheese.

1769 February 16 (Thursday). *John Rogers* (assisted a little by Neighbour Arnold) killed two Pigs for me. One weighs 174 1/2, the other 161 pounds.

1769 October 26 (Thursday). Mr. *Moses Nurse* having brought yesterday a Pair of Pigs of the great Sort, from Col. Buckminster, to day Deacon Wood comes and has the Boar. The price of the Pair is 50/ old Tenor.

1769 November 17 (Friday). Mr. Belknap bought a Pig of me, weighed 71 pounds. Offered 3 Coppers per pound and Paid me: he also took it away.

1770 January 30 (Tuesday). Mr. William Pierce, and Benjamin Wood, Sent by the Deacon, killed two Piggs for me. One of 100, the other 114 pounds.

1771 August 19 (Monday). At night Mr. *Abraham Bond* helpfull and neighbourly in killing and dressing a Pig, etc.

1772 February 8 (Saturday). Neighbour Nathan Kenny came and assisted in cutting out and salting our Pork. The Hogg weighed [blank], the Pig weighed [blank].

1773 March 5 (Friday). John Fay Having killed a pig yesterday about [blank] Months old, to day he weighed, cut up and Salted it. Weighed 9 score and [blank] Pound.

1776 January 3 (Wednesday). Mr. *Joseph McCulloch*, being returned from the Army (as the rest of the soldiers of the former enlistment are), was here and helped in Killing Some of our Pork, viz. a Sow weighing (at Evening) 210, and a Pig of 120. My Son *Breck* was with him in doing it.... Mr. Cullock comes and cutts out and Salts up our Pork: and Mr. Elisha Forbes with a variety of worthy presents to Me, Cheese, Beef etc.

1776 December 19 (Thursday). Neighbour *Thaddeus Warrin* and his son in Law, *Nat. Chamberlain*, killed two Pigs for me. Neighbour *Caleb Harrington* carries to market for Mrs. P_____ 6 Fowls.

1777 February 18 (Tuesday). Mr. *Thaddeus Warrin* and *Nat. Lambson* killed a Pig for me. Weighed 154.

1777 September 24 (Wednesday). Mr. *Tainter* brought Peaches and Plums. Cut 3 Pigs and a Calf, gratis. Dined here.

1778 February 4 (Wednesday). *Drury Fairbank* and *Elijah Warrin* killed and dressed a Pig for me.

1780 March 9 (Thursday). Mr. Thad Warrin came and killed two Piggs for me, both of them weighed 226.

1781 February 26 (Monday). P.M. Mr. *Thaddeus Warrin* and Mr. *Caleb Harrington* killed Two fine Piggs of 9 Months old, and weighed exactly 18 score: that is, one of them 157, the other 203. The *Brighams* cut them out, and salted them for me.

1781 May 14 (Monday). Went into the Neighbourhood to buy Store-Pigs.

1781 May 15 (Tuesday). P.M. I rode into the South West and was at Lieut. Grouts, Mr. *Elijah Hardy's*, Mr. Underwood, Mr. Benajah *Brighams*, Mr. *Twitchells*, Mr. Solomon Millers -- then to Mr. *Samuel Forbush's* at *Upton* (where I bought a Pig, of 7 Weeks old).

1782 March 19 (Tuesday). I went to Mr. Thad Warrins to get him to kill our Piggs.

1782 March 20 (Wednesday). Mr. Thad Warrin and Mr. *Nathan Maynard* to assist him, came and killed our two *remaining Piggs*. One weighed 10 score and 3 pound. The Other (which was

Mr. *Brighams* and a month younger) weighed 11 Score and one Pound. Mr. Warrin cut out and Salted down the Pork.

1782 July 23 (Tuesday). A Sad Disaster befell one of my Neighbour *Harringtons* Piggs; which ran under the Cart Wheel as *Thatcher* was driving in a Load of Hay at the End of the House. The Pig got up, ran down to the first Elm by the Road, there fell down and dyed. Mr. *Brigham* stuck her (it was sow) and she bled. Mr. *Harrington* was informed immediately by Mr. *Brigham*, but he would pay little Regard.