

Raking

1726 June 27 (Monday). This Day, for want of all other Help than my little Boy, I rak'd and turn'd my Hay till just before Night. Neighbor Clark sent his Son to assist in making it up.

1726 July 25 (Monday). It was Father Champneys Design to have carryed Mother Home, yet She could not Safely leave her Daughter. My Father made up my Hay. I rak'd myself I suppose an hour. And before noon he went away for home.

1726 August 1 (Monday). I stir'd myself pritty much about my Hay, raking etc.

1736 August 13 (Friday). Church. N.B. David in my absence had cut and carryed in my Crop of Rie -- and mowed and got up the remainder of the Hay. Mr. Ithamar Bellows helped him one Day -- So that now Haying was over both at home and at the Meadow -- unless a few bottoms to be raked or Such like. David had also pulled my Hemp and bound it up.

1738 July 1 (Saturday). Raking and getting in Hay.

1738 July 26 (Wednesday). Our Barley was mow'd and rak'd.

1738 July 31 (Monday). Moss raking in the meadow till Eve and then he went away to go up to Sutton.

1738 August 5 (Saturday). Fair Weather. Moss rak'd and cock'd Some of the Hay at the Meadow and mow'd Some more, But the Meadow very wet.

1738 August 7 (Monday). Early in the morning I rode down to Mr. Bradishes to get James to help me in the Meadow and mett him going there. Both Moss and he rak'd all Day except a little turn of mowing in the Morning. I went to see them and to Mr. Eliezer Rice's and Mr. James Maynard's where I din'd.

1738 August 9 (Wednesday). Eliezer Rice and John Rogers carted Hay from the Meadow. Two Load apiece. Moss Mowing in the Morning and raking and Cocking the rest of the Day. At Night the Carters got in my Rie into the Barn, almost wholly.

1739 June 30 (Saturday). P.M. I rak'd and pol'd Hay. Mrs. [sic] Pomroy assisted me.... At Evening Mr. John Jarvis came. N.B. Mr. John Rogers mowed for me the Square piece next above the Barn.

1739 July 2 (Monday). I went to raking Hay.

1739 July 7 (Saturday). Mr. White and I at our Preparations and my Boys raking Hay but carry'd none in.

1739 July 24 (Tuesday). Mr. Biglo work'd for me, mowing and raking. We had so much to rake that I rak'd with them all the Afternoon.

1739 July 25 (Wednesday). Mr. Biglo work'd for me, mowing and Carting Hay in. I assisted what I could. At Eve Raking, Poling, etc. At night Mr. Biglo went home, asking wages only for the Two last Dayes.

1739 August 13 (Monday). We opened the Hay that had lain through Several Storms last week and rak'd it up, and having no Team to get it in we Cock'd it up.

1740 July 25 (Friday). Mr. Biglo went to the Meadow to mow the North Side of the Brook. Tom mow'd a little in the morning, and afterwards we all made and raked till night. N.B. Disappointed by Neighbor Daniel Warrin, whom I would fain have had for the afternoon although I willingly releas'd him to his own work in the morning.

1740 July 26 (Saturday). Mr. Biglo went again to mow the north side of the Meadow. Tom Rak'd at Home. N.B. Neighbor Daniel Warrin came to work, but I had engag'd help Sufficient, and my Business being near finish'd I let him have his Choice to go or Stay upon which he went home. Mr. Aaron Forbush came between 10 and 11 a.m. with his Team and got in Two Turns of Hay. Mr. Biglo afternoon came and help'd rake and Cock the Hay at Home.

1740 July 31 (Thursday). A Clear good Hay Day. We open'd and Spread what the Storms had Soak'd and recock'd it by the help of Neighbor Daniel Warrin who help'd me from noon till 4 o'Clock p.m. We pol'd in Some leavy Hay from the New Ground on the East Side of the upper Garden. At Night a Thunder Storm. The Two little Boys rak'd yesterday and today at the Meadow what Mr. Biglo mow'd, and Aaron Forbush junior (who went about the middle of the afternoon) cock'd it, about 28 Cocks.

1742 July 30 (Friday). Signs of Rain in a dry Time. Mr. *Biglo* and *Pierce* reaping my Rye and *John Rogers* at the Meadow with Thomas. They brought home one Load but got mired with the next, broke the Axle tree, and therefore left the Load and raked and Cocked the rest.

1744 July 14 (Saturday). Thomas and Rogers and the Boys at Work at the Meadow. Rak'd up all and brought home 2 Load. Have suffer'd myself to be hinder'd very litte by these hurrys.

1746 July 14 (Monday). Considering the Extremity among people on account of the Scarceness of men to Labour I did what I could abroad which yet was but very little for I was soon worry'd. My work was chiefly turning some Hay, and raking up and poling in Barley which lay greatly expos'd to a great storm of Rain which came up suddenly and pour'd down most heavily.

1746 July 16 (Wednesday). Captain Maynard Came and said why he was ruffl'd yesterday -- viz. He had another Warrant (or Order) to press 4 more men -- and he believ'd Thomas Winchester must now go. I work'd several Hours a.m. in turning, opening and raking Hay.

1746 August 8 (Friday). The fairest Day that has been a great while. Ebenezer and Thomme rak'd in the low Grounds at Home. I gave them a Short Spell in the Afternoon myself. The sun very hot so that I could not stand it long.

1746 August 18 (Monday). The Boys to the Meadow. I rode there myself but they rak'd up but little of the Hay before the Rain prevail'd, and they return'd.

1747 June 3 (Wednesday). Rain a.m. Noah p.m. helping Ebenezer weed. N.B. Mr. David Batherick here again bargain'd to get my Meadow (viz. to mow and rake) for 8£.

1747 July 15 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and Thomme Carting Hay from the Meadow to Day also. Batherick with 2 more Hands mowing the meadow.... Ebenezer and Thomme Two more Load from the Meadow. I rak'd and tended Hay some part of the Day as I could bear it.

1747 July 16 (Thursday). My Boys work'd at Home. They Cutt the Barley. A great deal of Hay in Making. P.M. a thunder Storm arose which drew out all Hands of us to work. Bekky and I pol'd in what was round the Barn and near at Hand. The Barley in part rak'd and Cock'd, the rest left in Wind-rows. A part of our Hay we were forc'd to leave spread around. And Neighbour Batherick did not pretend to go to the meadow till the Afternoon, if he went then; So that doubtless the great Quantity of Hay there is wash'd. But the Storm went chiefly to the South. We had not a great deal of Rain. Another Thunder storm in the Evening went mostly South also. This working in the Hay worry'd me not a Little -- But I hope I got over it.

1747 July 17 (Friday). Mr. Dunlop and Mr. Martyn Pratt came to reap Rye for me. P.M. Joseph Grout came to reap also. They got the Southside down and Load in, the other part was Shock'd in the Field. Ebenezer and Thomme are getting the Barley into a Stack, with Joseph Grouts Help. Great likelihood of Thunder storm, but it went over. Mr. Batherick rakes and Cocks the South part of the Meadow.... These Two Days have been extreme Hot, and it seems as if men could not undergo their Labour.

1747 July 18 (Saturday). Assisted what I could in raking Hay. My whole House has lent an Hand before a storm.

1747 August 6 (Thursday). We are so belated in our Haying that after Morning Studys I went to raking Hay with Ebenezer and my little Billy.... N.B. as I was raking (p.m.) came Mr. Jonas Brigham and his wife to have their Relations writ. Mr. Brigham took my Rake whilst I wrote for his wife. Load got in.

1748 June 17 (Friday). P.M. I rak'd Hay for a good while with Joseph (N.B. a.m. he work'd for Neighbour John Rogers) between the House and Barn.

1748 June 24 (Friday). Exceeding Hott dry Season. Joseph and Ebenezer mowing and raking.

1748 July 18 (Monday). Mr. Dunlop came and reap'd a.m. and Samuel Burnap so came gratis

and mow'd. Rain part of the Day. They got in one Load of Rye before the Rains. Mr. Dunlop went away p.m. after reaping a while. They all (of 'em) got down the Rie. I visited Mrs. Tomlin and Neighbour How, and at the same time endeavour'd to inform my neighbours of the Design a Number on the Southside have to mow my meadow tomorrow (if it be fair) and therefore I shall need Rakers.

1748 July 21 (Thursday). I rode about for Rakers -- but only Benjamin Whipple (for Mr. Tomlin) went. I went from Mr. Barns (after visiting Mr. Rogers) to Mr. Cooks, Mr. Nurse's, Mr. Pratts, to Mr. James Maynards.

1748 July 22 (Friday). I rode out in the morning as I think it is my Duty, considering my Circumstances, first to Mr. Nurse's for Some shoeing of my Colt then to divers Neighbours to look up Rakers. N.B. Merchant Rice can't go himself, but Sends a Bottle of Rum (nigh a Quart) to encourage them that did. Amos Whitney, Jonathan Devereux (from Captain Maynard) and Mr. Beriah Rice's Son Timothy, together with my Ebenezer rak'd in the Meadow. P.M. there went divers others viz. Mr. Jonas Child and Jonathan Grout and near night Mr. Eliezer Rice lent a Hand.... I had an afternoon of great Labour and worry among my Hay at Home.

1748 July 23 (Saturday). I rose early and went to Captain Bakers to desire him to Cart for me -- Since my Hay was now ready: but (though he went to Stephen Fay's to get his Cattle for it) he could not. I proceeded to Lieutenant Tainters. He agreed to go to Day if Captain Baker went to Day -- but he chose to deferr it till Monday. I had considerable of work in my Hay to do at Home, though it be Such a Day in the Week -- but in providence Mr. Dunlop was passing from Marlborough, and I laid hold on him. Ebenezer and he got in 2 Load of Hay that was at Home -- and then went to the Meadow to rake what was left and to bring home 1 Load of Hay. He did the Latter but omitted the former.

1748 August 2 (Tuesday). After 3 p.m. Noah How and Merodach Devereux mow'd the remainder of my meadow, viz. the North Side of the Brook. At 4 the Same afternoon Captain Maynard who sent Jonathan, a little Hay, about 10 Cocks which I had rak'd into winrow.

1748 August 3 (Wednesday). Neighbour Baverick mow'd the last of my Grass at home, and gave me half the Day. I pay'd him 10 shillings old Tenor for the other half. A.M. I rode to most of the houses as far as Mr. Joseph Knowltons in order to get somebody to rake what was mow'd yesterday at the meadow and, to cart it home. Mr. Knowlton sent two sons to rake this afternoon.

1748 August 4 (Thursday). Mr. Gershom Brigham carted home one Load of the Meadow Hay with my Team. Phinehas Maynard helping him pole and Load -- and Phinehas Maynard with Ebenezers Help got home the last. The Drought very great -- notwithstanding some Sprinkling at Eve. N.B. The Neighbours very kind to Mr. Rogers Since the Loss of his son in mowing, Raking and Carting his Hay both at home and his meadow -- hay in which I much rejoice.

1748 August 5 (Friday). Hezekiah Bellows, about 14 years old, came and gave me a Days work,

raking and Carting at home. Ebenezer mowing the Flax ground over, the Flax coming to nothing nor any of it pulled.

1749 June 26 (Monday). Daniel mow'd and rak'd behind the Barn. Before night he broke off to go to Mr. Ebenezer Rice's. It look'd like Rain but signs go over.

1749 July 7 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomas plough'd the Barley Stubble, there being much Barley left among the stones which they could not rake.

1749 July 25 (Tuesday). My sons went away to rake at the Meadow, but were soon prevented by Rain.

1749 July 27 (Thursday). A.M. Ebenezer and Thomas to the Meadow to rake.

1749 August 5 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas to the Meadow. P.M. to raking. Daniel went away Yesterday but return'd here this Evening.

1749 October 17 (Tuesday). Nathan Maynard help'd me in raking our Husks into Heaps and Cocking them before the Threatening Storm.

1750 July 23 (Monday). Ebenezer and Joseph mowing and raking Hay at the Meadow.

1751 July 19 (Friday). Ebenezer to the Meadow to Cart Hay; Mr. Samuel Hardy who has taken it to Cut and rake it having been with 4 Hands, the Day before yesterday to mow, and Two Hands yesterday to rake.

1751 August 1 (Thursday). Thomas and William reap Wheat. P.M. they rake Hay in the Southside and Ebenezer mows.

1751 September 4 (Wednesday). At Evening reckon'd with Mr. Samuel Hardy, for his cutting and raking and cocking Hay at the ministerial Meadow, and instead of 8£ old Tenor which he took it for, I allow'd him nine; and this even although, by Divine Providence there was a Considerable Quantity was never rak'd at all, and Some Loads which were Carted home, or stack'd at the Meadow, were so wash'd with heavy Rains that it was of but little Value.

1752 April 13 (Monday). Old Mr. Dunlop came to work in my New Garden, to dig out the Roots which the plough has left, and prepare it for the Rake. His son John also wrought for me. They both came late. John Singled Flax.

1752 July 4 (Saturday). Alpheus Newton gave an half Day, mowing at my Island -- and the great likelihood of foul Weather made me conceive it to be my Duty, part of the p.m. to assist my son William in raking. If the rain should come upon that sort of thing, it would be of very little value: but this was the Chief of the English Hay I should have to trust to. And I was fully apprehensive that I should not be able to prepare more than one sermon for the sabbath.

1752 July 10 (Friday). Mr. Samuel Williams with my Mare, and with Billy to lead, plough'd among my Indian Corn: and Mr. Eliezer Rice came with plough, Horse and Boy and plough'd likewise, but there were but few Hoers -- only Mr. Edwards Whipple and his Boy which made me go to Mr. Clafflands and get Robert to help. The Men broke off about 1/2 after 10 a.m. The Boys, viz. Robert Claffland, Moses Sever and my Billy, hoed all Day, but did not finish the work. N.B. Sow'd Rie, which I had of Mr. Hezekiah Pratt, at the Hilling. This work was gratis, as was Alpheus Newton's also, who mow'd at the Island a.m. Mr. Jonathan Bellows (upon hire) mow'd and rak'd at the Meadow, and Mr. Eliezer Rice help'd him rake p.m. changing work with us.

1752 July 11 (Saturday). Rak'd Hay at the Island. Billy finish'd the Hilling there. P.M. Mr. Aaron Nurse help'd us get in a Load of Hay from the Island. It was very hot and tedious to me to bear - - but I think it my Duty to do what in me lies having so large a Family and so little help.

1752 July 13 (Monday). John Kelly of Hopkinton work'd for me instead of Mr. Martyn Pratt. The forenoon I sent him to work for Mr. Eliezer Rice. P.M. he work'd (with my sons Thomas and William) in raking and Carting home Hay from the Meadow -- they got home Two Load this p.m.

1752 July 16 (Thursday). I rak'd Hay and Barley p.m. at the other place, and return'd home at Eve.

1752 July 21 (Tuesday). In the Morning walk'd to the Ministerial Meadow, hoping to find a Number of Hands there, but there was only Mr. Phinehas Hardy mowing there. I went to Mr. James Maynards to get a Hand to be with him, but succeeded not -- to Mr. Joseph Green junior and prevail'd. He mow'd p.m. I din'd at Mr. Edwards Whipples p.m. I went down into Chauncy Meadows and passed through the Rice Meadow. My undertakers there who rake to Day what they mow'd Yesterday, complaining much of it. Consulted Lieutenant Forbush about it.

1752 July 22 (Wednesday). Aaron Warrin mows, rakes, and Carts from Ministerial Meadow.

1752 July 27 (Monday). Thomas and Billy rak'd a Load of Hay which Aaron mow'd and carted it to t'other Barn.

1754 July 11 (Thursday). Thomas and Billy mowing and raking at the Island.

1754 July 16 (Tuesday). At home Thomas and Billy rak'd at the Meadow a.m.

1754 July 17 (Wednesday). Thomas and Billy, and Rody Smith rak'd at the Meadow, and on 18 Neighbour Eliezer Rice, Hezekiah Pratt and Edwards Whipple brought three Load of Hay from the Meadow.

1754 July 30 (Tuesday). Thomas mows and rakes at Newton Meadow; but those who clear'd there left many Bushes unpick'd up, by which means it is very slow and bad mowing.

1754 August 6 (Tuesday). Thomas and Billy mow and rake a little at the Newton Meadow: and Neighbour Moses Nurse brings up a Load of Hay from thence.

1754 August 9 (Friday). Thomas and Billy went to the Ministerial Meadow and Mow'd the North Side of the Brook, and rak'd up about 9 Cocks, and left about as much more.

1754 August 10 (Saturday). Thomas and Billy were going to the Meadow to rake the rest which they left Yesterday, and to bring it home but it prov'd a rainy Day.

1754 August 12 (Monday). Thomas and Billy went in the morning to the Ministerial Meadow to look after the Hay which they lately Cut there -- but they were drench'd by that time they rak'd up the Rest of the Hay -- a very Heavy Rain.

1755 July 9 (Wednesday). I rak'd Hay which Mr. Hardy mow'd.

1755 July 12 (Saturday). Mr. Jonas Twitchell comes and rakes and Carts about 10 Cocks of Hay from the Island. N.B. Mr. Nurse's Team.

1755 July 23 (Wednesday). Mr. Moses Twitchell came and mow'd for me. Part of the Day the remainder of the upland at the Island, and part in the Meadow near to it. Mr. Joseph Rice's wife and Joshua Lock's, came to See me but my Business in my Hay was so urgent I desir'd to be excus'd -- and went to my raking. N.B. There was no Hand could be hir'd, and both my sons, Thomas and Billy incapable of any Labour at all.

1755 July 25 (Friday). Had Mr. Zebulun Rice's Teams, manag'd by his son Adam; and Mr. Twitchell loaded up all the upland Hay; which was safely brought home. About 10 Cocks. Mr. Thomas Twitchell came and work'd a while, but having rak'd about 1/2 dozen Cocks, and the Weather growing thick, they both broke off about 10 o'Clock and went home. It prov'd a very rainy Day.

1755 July 28 (Monday). Lieutenant Tainter and a Young Man of his hiring -- and two Boys also under him, in all four Hands, came and hill'd for me. There were also Ensign Harrington, Mr. Eleazer Whitney, Ezra Baker, Ebenezer Rice junior for Barnebas Newton, and William Bowman - - nine in all -- and they ended by baiting Time. Mr. Thomas Twitchel raking for me in the Newton Meadow, and Lieutenant Tainters two Boys help him.

1755 July 29 (Tuesday). Mr. Thomas Twitchell and Jedidiah Woods rak'd, cock'd, pol'd and Carted the rest of the Hay that was now ready at the Newton Meadow being 3 Load. Had Ebenezers Team for one and Mr. Nurse's gratis for the other. Towards Night went to see the Ministerial Meadow which is now brown but I have No body to cut it.

1755 August 1 (Friday). Only Breck and I to rake Barley. Thomas and Billy yet ill.

1755 August 6 (Wednesday). P.M. Mr. Moses Twitchell, Jonathan Bond junior and Levi Warrin

rake in the Ministerial Meadow.

1755 August 13 (Wednesday). Barachias and Seth Morse work for me -- they get home 3 Load, 2 Load by half after 12. P.M. they rake and bring home another Load at Eve. Those were brought by our own Team: Ebenezers Oxen and my Mare.

1755 August 14 (Thursday). 'Kias and Seth mow at the ministerial Meadow again and this is the last, which they accomplish a.m. but because it was cloudy and they could not rake up what they had mow'd; they return'd home and p.m. reap'd my Wheat by the Barn, and got it in.

1756 July 8 (Thursday). Mr. John Rogers worked for me a.m. mowing the West Pasture and the little Pasture etc. P.M. Billy and he raked and carted up a Jagg from the Island.

1756 July 23 (Friday). Messrs. Barachias Rice and Martyn Pratt came to work in Ministerial Meadow. Thomas and Billy go to raking in Newton Meadow. Mr. Crawford returned home.

1757 July 20 (Wednesday). *Amon* reaps in the Orchard but does not finish it, for I Sent him to the Meadow near night to rake and secure Hay there.

1757 July 26 (Tuesday). *Amon* and *Twitchell* mowed and raked in the Ministerial Meadow; Alex and Breck also there p.m.

1757 August 6 (Saturday). My two sons Alex and Breck rake in Newton Meadow.

1758 August 30 (Wednesday). No help but Alexander who raked in Newton Meadow -- for Adam Rice is Sick -- and his Father obliged to help Adonijah.

1758 September 4 (Monday). Thomas Bond works for me, raking and poling Hay in Newton Meadow. And my son Thomas also assists p.m.

1759 July 11 (Wednesday). P.M. raked Hay at the Island, and my two Boys *Alex* and *Samuel* are able to help me which though it be but in some Measure yet is it a great Favour.

1759 August 7 (Tuesday). Mr. Twitchell works for me -- but having finished mowing what I propose for this Year, to Day he rakes; and gets home 3 Load. He goes home at Night.

1764 July 16 (Monday). Mr. Jonathan How came to mowe for me; but the Meadows were so wet that he could not. He returned home.... Lydia David has been with us for Some time -- is helpful at a Spurt in raking Hay when a storm was rising.

1764 August 2 (Thursday). Richard Barnes junior mows a.m. along with Breck in the Meadow for me. P.M. they rake and Cock till 4 when a Storm of Thunder and Rain beats 'em off.

1764 August 9 (Thursday). Breck mowing and raking at the Meadow.

1765 July 10 (Wednesday). Levi Warrin and *Joseph Bond* come and mow, beyond the Meeting house etc. Townsend works for me again. I bought Grass of Mr. Nurse, for half a Ton of Hay, and Townsend mows it. P.M. T. mowes the rest of the Beeton Lot. After Dinner Billy raises the Corn Barn and that being over, Billy and Breck rake and get in Hay.

1765 July 23 (Tuesday). Mr. Richard Kelly mows for me, and Billy with him. Breck and John are Hilling a.m., rake p.m.

1765 July 25 (Thursday). In the Morning came old Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Zebulun Rice, Lt. Baker and two Hands with him (a man and a Boy), Mr. Thomas Twitchell, and his son, together with Silas Hill, with their Sickles and reap'd down my Field of Rye.... Ensign Josiah Rice here to inform me that I may have a Load of English Hay of him. Nathan Kenny (at my Request) comes to help John Rake in the Meadows. P.M. Jonas likewise here and get in a Load of Hay for me. At Eve I was at Neighbour Pratts for some Help, having no Body to get in my Hay.

1766 July 3 (Thursday). Caleb mows the Balks round the Orchard and round the Island Field, and rakes and Cocks such of it as will do.

1768 July 8 (Friday). John does light work. Makes Hay and rakes, but finds he can't bear to mowe.

1770 July 5 (Thursday). Joseph Wood, in mowing behind the Baker Stables, finds it uncommon Burthen: the Clover so very rank and thick. I was a while among the Hay, turning, raking etc.

1776 July 27 (Saturday). I rode over to Mr. *John Chamberlain* to hire him to come to work for me, and he consents. Mr. Moses Nurse mowed for me a.m., at the Island-Brook: and afternoon I worked in Raking etc.

1776 July 31 (Wednesday). Breck helps in Raking and carting home a few Cocks from the Brook.

1776 August 17 (Saturday). Mr. Lambson in the morning repairs the Appendages of the Hogsstye; and then goes, his Brother *Nat* and *Ben Tainter* junior also with him, about 9 o'Clock to raking Hay at the *Newton Meadow*.... P.M. came *Moses Warrin* and *Asa Adams* to rake and pole. They made it dark by that they brought the 3d and last load: but all of them large.

1776 September 3 (Tuesday). *Elijah [Bruce?]* (of 16 years) works for me p.m. in raking etc. and lodges here. *Elias* carts home two load Hay.

1777 July 8 (Tuesday). *Reuben Lambson* goes with some Acquaintance to his uncle *Nat's* in *Lancaster* but it was at a most critical Time, when he had mowed the primest of my English Grass, Yesterday and this Day, till between 3 and 4 p.m. and great Signs of a storm. But he leaves it. However, as he asked, so I was forced to give him, Leave to go; and I went and raked my Self.

1778 June 30 (Tuesday). Though Mr. [*Larkin?*] came early in the morn to mowe my Square piece between [*illegible*] [*meeting House?*] he broke off at mid forenoon: he [*illegible*] and raking the Hay. *Breck* helps also. But about 3 or 4 p.m. a Thunderstorm arose [*torn*] much wet it.

1778 July 7 (Tuesday). After Meeting I came home, and Soon went to Raking of Hay.

1778 July 13 (Monday). For *Timothys* Work for the Doctor in hoeing *Stephen Maynard* came and mowed part of my Clover in the West Field, much diminished indeed by Mr. Harringtons sheep getting frequently into it, feeding and trailing and tangling it. *Timothy* very faithful in tending, raking etc. I could not but go out and rake part of the p.m.

1778 July 14 (Tuesday). Stephen again a.m. I raked again and *Breck* principally helpfull, especially in Carting in the Clover.

1780 July 13 (Thursday). Elias lies by wholly: but the hired Men attend to my Work, mowing, Raking and Carting -- they bring home one Load of Hay.