

Salt

1727 April 6 (Thursday). I rode to Boston to gain Information concerning my Brother, and I was Certify'd that on the 27th of the Last Month My Brother John Parkman was coming in from Anguilla (having been at Barbadoes to which port he came from Cork) in a Vessel built by him at Dighton, And with the Building, fraughted rigged and mann'd at his Father's his Brethren's and his own charge. He was now laden with Cotton, Rhum and diverse valuable articles, no small quantity of Gold, but the Heavy and greatest part of his Lading was Salt. But that this (27th) Day proving very Stormy they were driven near Cape Ann and finding that all that remain'd for them to do was to shift for their Life because of the Dangers they were come into upon the Rocks, especially being nigh Normans Woe (a great Rock So call'd which they now drove upon). My Brother endeavoured by the help of the Fore tack, and taking the advantage of the heaving of the vessell, to swing off from the Vessell, if possible on upon the Rock. But the vessel unexpectedly and Suddenly hove back and brought him into the deep. The Tumultuating and raging Sea foaming upon him, and frustrating all Endeavours to recover him (though they threw out Ropes to him that slip'd through his hands and though the Mate had him once by the hand as he came along by the fore Chains) Swallow'd him up, and he perish'd in the Deep.

1736 April 8 (Thursday). P.M. at Mr. James *Pierpont's* [*marginal notation*: and at Mr. Charles Coffins -- N.B. String Beans there eat as well as New gathered, prepared in salt. Soaked all night and parboiled before they were broke for the Pot: A very great and very agreeable Rarity]etc.

1736 November 13 (Saturday). Mr. Tainter came and Cut out and salted up my Beef.

1737 February 19 (Saturday). N.B. I cast a handful or two of Salt into my Pump.

1737 February 21 (Monday). The small matter of Salt which I cast into my Pump on the 19th wonderfully loosened the Spire though it had been frozen for a long time (See Downs') and to our Joy and Pleasure had the use of the Pump again.

1738 February 10 (Friday). Ensign Maynard brought up divers Things from Boston for me. N.B. Oysters, Salt Fish, etc.

1738 February 11 (Saturday). Ensign Maynard din'd with us upon Salt Fish, etc.

1738 February 13 (Monday). Mr. Tainter came and kill'd our Hog. Weigh'd about 12 score.... Brother Hicks just at night pinch'd up the Barn Floor, and cutt up and Salted my Pork at Evening.

1738 March 21 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Reuben Maynard of Shrewsbury brought home the Pork I bought of him. The weight was 239£. Mr. Tainter was so kind as to come and Cutt it out and Salt it down.

1738 November 10 (Friday). Salt brought up gratis by the Teams which went from here.

1738 November 28 (Tuesday). Mr. Taynter and his wife here cutting up and Salting down my Beef.

1739 March 7 (Wednesday). Mr. Tainter came and cut out and Salted up my Pork.

1740 January 4 (Friday). I sent Ebenezer to Southborough for Salt it being most Scarce round about us.

1740 January 8 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter tarried in the Evening and Cut up and Salted my Two Hoggs which were kill'd Yesterday. They weighed both of them about 19 Score.

1740 November 21 (Friday). Lieutenant Tainter cut up and salted my Pork this Evening.

1740 December 5 (Friday). Eve Mr. Tainter came and cutt and salted up my Beef.

1742 November 16 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Pratt and Ebenezer Mainard cut out and Salted up my Beef for me.

1744 November 9 (Friday). N.B. Thomas Winchester and Ebenezer Maynard kill'd two Shotes for me -- the Weight about 100 apiece -- the Markit so low we salted them up.

1745 August 5 (Monday). Din'd at Deacon Newtons on Salt Fish.

1745 December 27 (Friday). At Eve Thomas Winchester return'd from Boston -- got 12^d per pound for the Pork and brought up 1/2 Bushel Salt, but it being Rainy while he was in Town he went to none of my Friends as I had appointed him to.

1746 September 15 (Monday). Mrs. Fay (Captain's Wife) here, with a large Present, viz. a Cheese, 3 pounds Butter and Two Considerable pieces of Salt Pork.

1746 December 2 (Tuesday). Mr. David Maynard and his Brother Ebenezer came and kill'd Two Hoggs for me. One weigh'd 232. The other 202. Mr. Harrington also brought a Hogg which I bought of him lately -- which weigh'd 335. In all 769 pounds of Pork cutt and Salted up this Evening.

1746 December 11 (Thursday). Neighbour Ebenezer came; we tackl'd and loaded, and he went off -- but before noon he return'd -- the Rain and bad road discourag'd him. He din'd with us but would take nothing for his Pains about the Pork. At Eve we Salted it up. N.B. Our Two first Hoggs weighed 232 and 202. Mr. Harringtons 335. This Sow weigh'd 261. In all that we Salted up 1030.

1747 October 12 (Monday). My Kinsman Cowell and his wife and Cousen Sarah Tyley rode over to Mr. Ebenezer Rice's, and my Wife was also of the Company, and she went as far as to Captain Fays, with design to provide some Salt Pork against Ministers Meeting. Our own Pork (notwithstanding we laid up So much) being almost out.

1749 March 17 (Friday). Home. Captain Maynard had come, and with Lieutenant Tainter kill'd a Young Swine of between 7 and 8 score. Neighbour Rogers salted down our pork, and Mr. Daniel Warrin of Shrewsbury brought me an Hive of Bees.

1750 November 26 (Monday). Billy brought 46 pounds of Salt Fish from Mr. Jonah Warrins.

1751 October 15 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter with his Team (a Load of Wood, Quarter of Lamb and a present of Salt Pork) to cut up and Cart home my Island Corn.

1752 August 19 (Wednesday). Mr. Nurse a generous present of Salt Pork.

1752 December 7 (Thursday). Rainy, and raw Cold. Lieutenant Tainter and his son Simon, and Neighbour Eleazer Williams kill'd an Hog for me of 253.... Lieutenant at Evening. Salted up my Pork.

1757 December 22 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter and his son came kindly[,] killed an Hog for me -- weight 239 1/4 and the Deacon came at Night, cutt it out and Salted it up.

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.

1759 March 1 (Thursday). N.B. Deacon Tainter and Neighbour Seth Morse killed two Hogs for me, about 340 weight together, and Deacon came also at night to cutt out and Salt up.

1759 December 20 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter came and killed a Sow for me, and at night brought Salt, cut it up and Salted it down. She weighed Seven score and 15 pound.

1760 January 9 (Wednesday). Mr. Edmund Rice came with a Side of Cow Beef which I bought of him. One Quarter weighed 83, the other 80. It was not good enough, but I gave him 18d per pound. Paid him by Note to the Collector Ebenezer Maynard. Mr. Elijah Rice here and cutt the Beef out for me fit for salting.

1760 January 21 (Monday). Deacon Tainter brings Artemas Bruce, and we had sent for Neighbour Hezekaih Pratt, to help us kill an Hog -- weighed 11 Score and 7 pounds. At Eve Mrs. Prudence Hardy and her sister Rice of Sutton and her son Asahel, Supped here as did Deacon Tainter who not only killed, but cutt and salted up my Pork.

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.

1761 February 10 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter kindly came and weighed my Hoggs, one [blank], the other [blank]. He also cutt it out and Salted it for me.

1764 November 24 (Saturday). Deacon comes again very kindly to weigh, cutt out and salt up my Beef. The Cow weighs 424 lbs. Lend Mr. Tainter one Quarter.

1764 December 6 (Thursday). Capt. Wood kills an Hog for me. Nathan Kenny helps him. At Eve Deacon Tainter kindly came and cutt and salted it for me. Weighed 171 lbs.

1765 January 3 (Thursday). Mr. Batherick and Mr. Ebenezer Forb. came, and Neighbour Lock assisting, killed two Hoggs for me. One weighed 11 score and about 6 lbs.; the other 10 Score and about 4 lbs. They dined with us, and Neighbour Lock kindly came at Eve and cutt up and salted.

1765 December 31 (Tuesday). Deacon came and cut out and salted my Beef -- that is 3 Quarters. He carrys home one Quarter which I borrowed, through his Instigation, of his son. She weighed 20 score and 13 lb. Deacon dined here -- then carryed the skin (which weighed 58 lbs.) to Silas Hill to be tanned. Tallow but 33 lb. The Lord reward these generous Men!

1766 January 23 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter and Capt. Wood (Billy and Breck assisting) killed my two Hogs. One weighed 262 lbs., the other 256. The men aforesaid dined with me. Deacon came at night to help cut up and Salt down. Supped with me.

1766 December 2 (Tuesday). *Buy a store shoat* of Mr. *John Brigham* and Mr. [blank] Stimpson Drovers -- weighed 70 lbs. at 16d old Tenor. Deacon Tainter cutts and salts my Beef. He dines here.

1767 March 6 (Friday). Deacon Tainter came and killed an Hog for me (assisted by Jonas Kenny). Weighed 221 lb.Towards Night the kind Deacon came, as he is wont, to cut out and salt up my Pork; which he doth with Dexterity and Despatch.

1767 November 11 (Wednesday). Richard Temple who by Reason of the Rain, could do but little about my Flax (having cutt out my Beef last Evening), Salted it a.m. and it clearing away p.m. he went to Swingling.

1768 November 19 (Saturday). Mr. Morse brings home the Beef -- weighs 108 lbs. He brings 1/2 bushel of Salt (which is 14/) and he cutts out the Meat.

1768 December 13 (Tuesday). Deacon Wood, Mr. Tainter and Mr. Zebulun Rice here to cut out and salt up my Beef and Pork, which was killed yesterday. The Cow's Quarters weighed [blank]. The Hog weighed 253.

1769 September 15 (Friday). A very Sorrowful Occurrence happened about or a little before noon at Lt. Bakers. His little Daughter *Lydia*, of 16 months, fell into a Tub of Whey, and was suffocated. I hastened up. Tobacco Smoke was blown up into her. I ordered Salt and she was covered over with it, but all means were ineffectual. I prayed with them.

1769 December 1 (Friday). Deacon Wood came here very kindly to cut out and Salt up my Beef: He supped here.

1770 January 31 (Wednesday). Jonas Kenny came kindly to assist in cutting and Salting our Pork.

1770 November 8 (Thursday). Deacon Wood came and cut out and Salted up the Beef which I lately bought of Mr. Morse. Lt. Harrington was here and helped.

1770 December 27 (Thursday). At Eve Mr. *Thaddeus Warrin* came and cut out and Salted up 3 Quarters of Beef.

1771 January 19 (Saturday). A.M. Deacon Wood cut out and salts up my pork.

1771 December 5 (Thursday). Deacon Wood at Eve with Brecks help, cutts out and Salts down a Side of Beef for me.

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.

1773 December 20 (Monday). *Elias* goes to Mr. *Whipples* Mill with a Team loaded with Salt to be ground; 25 Bushel; for his Brother *Breck*.

1774 February 24 (Thursday). *John Fay* and *John P* _____ cutt out and Salted down the Pork killed yesterday.

1775 July 24 (Monday). My Neighbour *Nurse* whose *Waggon* loaded with salt, ran over him when at *Mendon* in his late Journey from Salem home, the 14th instant, is got home: and this Morning went to see him. A wonderful preservation. To God be Glory!

1775 December 17 (Sunday). N.B. Capt. *Baker* had been here in the Morning to inform me of his being obliged to have Hands at work to day in cutting out and Salting and barrelling up Pork which must otherwise spoil. At which I expressed my Sorrow, and told him I must leave it to him to judge of the Necessity of his doing this Thing.

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 4 (Wednesday). Mr. Thaddeus Warrin came and helped me weigh, cutt out and Salt up my Beef.

1777 January 14 (Tuesday). At Eve also *Joseph Culloch* and his Brother *James* came and weighed, cut out and salted up my *Pork*. One weighed 274, the other 259.

1778 January 31 (Saturday). Mr. *Levi Wilder* dined with us. He acquaints me with the sudden Death of one Mr. *Willson* who went from his House at Lancaster with a Load of salt, lately, but dyed the Same Evening as he sat at supper, at *Winchenden* in his way home. May God sanctifie Such an awfull Stroke as This also!

1778 May 16 (Saturday). Mr. *David Stow* of *Grafton* here and dines. I give him Salt for the sheep, and Rum against the washing of them. To my great Regret I was continually taken up with the Small Affairs of the Garden, the Cattle, etc. etc.

1778 November 21 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. Caleb Harrington came kindly and cut out and Salted my Beef. I desire to praise God for all His Favour!

1779 August 24 (Tuesday). Mrs. P. is carried to Squire Baker's. At eve she returns with a present of Salt Beef and Six neets Tongues from the old Gentlewoman.

1781 February 8 (Thursday). Mr. *Joseph Grout* brought me a choice piece of Beef: as did Squire *Baker* a Number of Pieces (Salted) in a Barrell. D.G.

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 March 14 (Wednesday). I walk to Mr. Thaddeus Warrins, to get him to go to the Ministerial Lot to Split out Oake Rails -- I passed over to the [*blot*], who Sent a large Quarter of Beef, weighed 214 also an *Hear*[*blot*] weighed 16, and with them an *Head*. These I gratefully accepted as fulfilling what he had said of giving me a side of Beef: especially remembering he had not long Since sent me a Number of Pieces of salt Beef, till this Should come.

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.