

Scythe

1742 June 29 (Tuesday). Ebenezer chooses to drop his Books and longs for a Scyth. I have now given way to his Mowing.

1747 June 23 (Tuesday). Was at Mr. Charles Rice's. Got him to choose a Scythe for my son at Ebenezer Rice's.

1749 August 2 (Wednesday). Visited at Mr. Twitchells and Mr. William Rogers's. P.M. at Captain Maynards, Tomlins, and Tennys to see Bethial Tyler. When I return'd in the Eve found that Billy had been brought home lame from the Meadow, for he had been with his Brothers there -- and Silas Rice had accidentally cutt his Legg with a Scythe. A fifth Load Hay home.

1751 January 17 (Thursday). At Deacon Newtons as I return'd home, but tarried not long. N.B. Ebenezer at Mr. Cornelius Cooks assisting him in making a stubb scythe, a Whipple-Tree Chain and several other Things.

1751 September 26 (Thursday). Sam. Bumpso undertakes to mow Bushes on the North East part of my Brigham Lott. Mows a little, and moves off about his Scyth -- See no more of him to Day.

1768 August 1 (Monday). Alexander Stimson and my Son John, with Mr. Thaddeus War[*illegible*] go to my Maynard swamp to mowe. I went to carry 'em their Dinner; but *John has cut himself* with his scyth and taken off part of the Ball of one of his great Toes.

1771 April 9 (Tuesday). Breck goes to work for Mr. *Beeton* to build convenient shelter for his works in grinding scythes, by Water.

1771 April 19 (Friday). Rode over to Mr. John Chamberlains in Hopkinton and hired his son Joseph for 75£ if I shall be satisfied he earns it; otherwise he is to have but 70, and he is to bring a scythe with him.