

Seeds

1736 May 14 (Friday). *David* Mending Fence a.m. Sowed Hemp and Flax seed p.m.

1736 September 24 (Friday). *David* a.m. about the Standard and Crook for the west Gate -- fruitlessly. Then pulled some Seed Hemp -- and drew stones.

1739 April 25 (Wednesday). N.B. John Hicks junior help'd John Kidney in Carting out Muck. Planted Peas, New Haven Squashes, etc. in the garden and sow'd various seeds.

1747 April 6 (Monday). Deacon Forbush's wife here and brought me excellent Flax seed, a peck and half, and Eli half peck from his uncle Tainters, all of it gratis.

1750 March 30 (Friday). Being a Warmish Pleasant Day, we are invited to gardening. Patty Pannell does what she can in making Beds and Sewing some early Seeds.

1752 April 16 (Thursday). Was oblig'd to do something in the Garden myself. Sow'd a few seeds etc.

1752 August 25 (Tuesday). Last Night was exceeding tedious not for pains so much as Faintness, especially towards Morning I was exceeding low. My Wife watch'd. The forenoon was of a piece with the Morning. My wife stills a miscellany of Meat, Herbs, Roots, seeds etc. by the Doctor's Direction. But my Eye and Heart are to God to Show Mercy. Dr. Chase waits upon his Father here. P.M. I was more lively and comfortable. D.G. Very free of pain -- a better Evening and Night.

1756 January 16 (Friday). Dr. *Brigham* visits me -- finds, by probing a little, that my Leg is Somewhat hollow. He carries on a pulticing with *pond Lilly* roots and *Flax-seed*; anointing it with Ointment of *Marsh mallows* -- the pledget is of *Basilicon*.

1757 April 27 (Wednesday). P.M. Mr. Dunlop here and sows divers sorts of Seeds in my Garden.

1758 April 13 (Thursday). Old Mr. Dunlop in my Garden -- Sows Carrot Seed.

1759 April 19 (Thursday). I rode to Hopkinton.... I proceeded to Sir Harry Franklands Seat, kept now by Mr. Jacques Joseph *Villieout de Rohan* marrie avec Mademoiselle Frances [*blank*] de *Turenne*. He gave me such Slips, Branches, Cions, Seeds as I desired....

1759 May 24 (Thursday). Mr. *Daniel Miller* works for me clearing and sowing Hayseed.

1759 July 30 (Monday). *John How* ploughs and Hoes at my Cook Field notwithstanding the Showers: he also sows Turnip seed there.

1761 March 31 (Tuesday). P.M. Miss Molly Baldwin return from Hopkinton and bring me from [Villiers?] (at Sir *Harrys*) vines, and seeds.

1765 August 23 (Friday). Thomas thrashes Flax and clears up the Seed.

1767 April 2 (Thursday). Enoch Rice works a.m.; he sows Hay seed which I had of Mr. Phin. Hardy on 3 Acres of the Island; and spreads muck.

1767 April 27 (Monday). Called at Lt. Harringtons for Flax seed.

1767 September 10 (Thursday). [Neighbour?] *Silas Hill* p.m. thrashes Flax seed.

1767 September 11 (Friday). Richard Temple comes and thrashes out Flax seed and Spreads my Flax.

1768 June 18 (Saturday). A Sorrowful Season, by Reason of Cold and Rain. Much of the Seed planted doth not come up, and what is come up does not grow. May God extend Pity!

1769 March 28 (Tuesday). *John* gets a couple of Bags of Hay Seed from Mr. Batherick's to sow part of my West field, which I would lay down.

1769 April 1 (Saturday). Sent *John* to Shrewsbury for Hay-seed, and he brings some from Deacon Miles.

1770 March 21 (Wednesday). Deacon Wood here a.m.... He sows Hay seed for me, West of the Meeting House.

1770 April 9 (Monday). Am furnished by Mr. *Whitney* with a Variety of Garden Seeds.

1770 April 20 (Friday). Mr. Seth Morse having bought and given me 4 pound of Clover Seed, I employed Mr. Aaron Nurse to come and Sow it, and [that?] Seed my own Barn afforded me.

1770 May 15 (Tuesday). Called also at Mr. Andrews's, where I was accommodated with peculiar Seed Corn.

1770 December 28 (Friday). *Elias* being gone, I was obliged to winnow a Parcel of Flax-seed, Somewhat above two Bushels, for the Oyl Mill in *Sutton*: but fear I got cold, and that the Rheumatism would follow.

1770 December 29 (Saturday). Mr. *Timothy Allen* of *Sutton* came; dined with us; I sold him two Bushell of Flax seed @ 20/ old Tenor per Bushel: which he paid.

1771 February 12 (Tuesday). *Elias* is at his Books. *Elias of Brookfield* is gathering up Clover and English Hay-Seed in the Barn.

1772 September 23 (Wednesday). It was rainy a.m. but *Phinehas* was desirous to go to the Training at Lancaster; and having provided him an Horse, he went. Though I had Grass seed for him to sow at the Island, and other things for him to do, yet many were going, and he went.

1773 April 7 (Wednesday). Very much taken up with our gardening. *Breck* has Sent to *Boston* for an Assortment of Seeds for his Shop – supplies me with several Sorts, and assists in the work we are engaged in.

1777 April 9 (Wednesday). *Bradshaw* lodges with us. N.B. He gives me Dr. *Price's Observations on the Nature of Civil Liberty*, as he does Several Sorts of *Garden seeds* also.

1777 April 14 (Monday). Walked over to Capt. *Morse's* and was favored with various sorts of Garden Seeds.

1780 February 8 (Tuesday). Mr. Elisha Forbes dines here, and spends most of the Afternoon – will endeavor to provide me some Quantity of Hay seed.

1780 March 14 (Tuesday). Elias goes to sundry places, and gets Hay seed to sow the Fields at the Island.

1780 March 15 (Wednesday). Elias Sows Hay Seed upon the Snow.

1780 March 17 (Friday). Elias p.m. got Hay Seed at Mr. Batherick's, several Baggs: which William sowed at the Island.

1780 April 27 (Thursday). I rode to Mr. Seth Rice's for Flax seed.

1780 September 25 (Monday). But I am sorry to see my Husbandry fast asleep, no body at work for me, though my apples are rotting and wasting, and Flax seed on stry, (?) unwinnowed on the Barn Floor.

1781 May 10 (Thursday). Mr. Jonathan *Maynard* here and buys Flax Seed.