

Shearing Sheep

1736 May 21 (Friday). David Sheared some of the sheep.

1736 May 22 (Saturday). David finished shearing by noon: 7 Yesterday and 11 to Day.

1739 May 17 (Thursday). John Finish'd Shearing.

1746 May 17 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomme Shear'd Sheep.

1751 May 16 (Thursday). Ebenezer shearing a few Sheep.

1761 May 20 (Wednesday). Alexander attempts Somewhat of Shearing. P.M. Mr. Artemas *Bruce* finishes.

1778 January 2 (Friday). Mr. *Forbes* agrees to committ to me 9 of his Sheep, to be kept here till after the next Shearing time.

1778 June 8 (Monday). Called at Mr. *John Maynards* -- at Squire *Brighams* -- at Mr. *David Stow's*, to See why my Sheep had not been Sheared.

1778 June 10 (Wednesday). *Elias* goes up to *Grafton*, being [*torn*] Shearing the Sheep: and at night [*torn*] home [*torn*] Mr. *Farrar* came not.

1778 September 18 (Friday). When Mr. *Forbes* hears me relate what Mr. *David Stow* demands for keeping his Sheep, viz. 1 sh. per Head per Week -- he is not willing to pay it, but thinks I ought to have informed him, that he might have taken them away, according to the first Method proposed, that is, after *shearing*. We are therefore thrust on to the *Second Method* which is to keep them till the year be up. Which we consent to. He and his son leave us to go to *Brookfield*.

1779 April 29 (Thursday). The Sheep are sent to Squire *Baker's* pasture to be kept there till after Shearing.

1779 May 7 (Friday). I send by Eli to *Elias, Ferguson's* Astronomy, with a Letter against his Selling Books, which he has had of me, and have writ to Eli's Father, particularly to send for his Sheep after Shearing.

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