

## Shoats

1739 December 26 (Wednesday). Neighbor John Rogers kill'd a Shoat for me. Weigh'd 47 pounds.

1740 October 16 (Thursday). Neighbor Daniel Warrin kill'd a small shoate for me which weigh'd 44 pound.

1740 October 22 (Wednesday). Eleaser Williams help'd Mr. Baynes at the well. Mr. Baynes early in the morn kill'd a Shoate for me which weighed 60 and which I got Mr. Jesse Brigham to carry to my Mother at Boston.

1740 November 4 (Tuesday). Neighbour John Rogers kill'd a Shoat for me (weigh'd 50).

1740 November 10 (Monday). Mr. Matthias Rice bought a Barrow shoat, weight 52.

1742 December 13 (Monday). Mr. Mainard killed a Shote for me, weight 108.

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.

1752 December 22 (Friday). Old Mr. Dunlop din'd here. Billy at t'other House. They kill'd one of the Ridgling Shoats which have been some Trouble to us.

1756 November 6 (Saturday). Mr. *Mason* here and informs me his Idiot son *Aaron*, is dead of the Distemper. He has Gloves here for the Funeral; and engages me a Shoat in payment -- but leave my Wife to trade with him, being Shortned for Time for my Preparations in these Extraordinary Times.

1756 November 13 (Saturday). Billy brings home a shoat which I bought of Mr. Mason -- weighed 84 lb. at 12 d. per pound alive.

1757 March 12 (Saturday). Bought two shoats of Neighbour Alpheus Newton alive at 12d per pound.

1764 September 29 (Saturday). N.B. One Mr. Anderson Dana, a Drover, from Ashford, desires to leave a tired and lame shoat here till he comes back from Boston: or will sell it @ 3 Coppers per lb. alive.

1765 January 4 (Friday). I have bought 2 store shoats of Mr. *Moses Nurse*, at 12 d. old Tenor per pound alive: he comes with them. They weigh, one 67, the other 71 lbs.

1766 February 3 (Monday). I visited in the South of the Town -- to Mr. Bowmans, Constantine Hardys, Isaac Adams's, and Dunlops. Went also to the Edge of Hopkinton -- to Mr. Kinsmans

and had Breck and John with me -- for I brought a store shoat there, weight 106 at 1/3 per pound. My sons led it home.

1766 April 4 (Friday). Payd Mr. *Kinsman* two Dollars in part for the shoat.

1766 December 2 (Tuesday). *Buy a store shoat* of Mr. *John Brigham* and Mr. [blank] Stimpson Drovers -- weighed 70 lbs. at 16d old Tenor.

1771 May 9 (Thursday). His Errand he obtains, viz. to drive up *Alexanders* Cow and Calf and with them a Shoat which I have given him. He goes off with them -- and my Son *Elias* to assist him.

1775 November 22 (Wednesday). Isaac Forbush has worked for me 5 Days at 1/4 Dollar per day and came early this morning and killed a shoat for me. [asks reasonably and behaves?].

1778 December 23 (Wednesday). Mr. Joseph Harrington goes with his Team for Marblehead, and takes my Pork, Geese and Fowls, to the care of Mr. Elisha Forbes for Marketing. Am engaged in Sermonizing somewhat, but oh! my leanness. Breck trades with two swine drovers, and buys two shoats for me, at between 17 and 18 pence the pound.