

Sow (Female Pig)

1739 April 18 (Wednesday). Receiv'd a Young Sow Pigg from Mr. Williams.

1740 February 22 (Friday). The Sow discovered to have Eight Piggs.

1740 October 24 (Friday). Greatly Troubled about my Trading with Mr. Warrin, he apprehending that I had sold him a young Sow which I did not judge I had properly and really bargained away to him.

1742 May 3 (Monday). Had a sow Pigg of Neighbour Chamberlain.

1742 September 29 (Wednesday). Mr. Jonas Morse of Marlborough bought a sow and 4 young Piggs of me.

1745 January 14 (Monday). P.M. Captain Maynard kill'd a sow for me assisted by Lieutenant Aaron Forbush and Nathan Maynard -- in order to his Carrying it down in his Cart to Boston.

1745 January 15 (Tuesday). Captain Maynard to Boston, having my sow in his Team, for the Market.

1745 January 19 (Saturday). Captain Maynard made but slender Returns for my Pork, but 11d. per pound at Boston.

1745 November 15 (Friday). My great Sow strangely disordered. Sent for Captain Forbush who help'd her.

1746 June 14 (Saturday). The Sow missing yesterday and this morning -- at length found by the Side of a great Pine Log in the Hill, with Ten Piggs.

1746 December 9 (Tuesday). Mr. Pratt and Neighbour Ebenezer Maynard kill'd an old large sow which weigh'd 267.

1746 December 10 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter had encourag'd me that he would take the Care of marketting the Pork (kill'd yesterday) if I send it to Boston by my son Thomme; we accordingly got ready. Ebenezer got the Mare shod at Mr. Cooks and went over to Lieutenants -- acquainted him we had kill'd, and to know his Purpose; but it prov'd dull misty and Rainy Day, and it being a very heavy and difficult Load and Lieutenant not to go till late, together with diverse other Things which perplexed us, therefore we deferr'd it till another Day.... At Eve my Son was at old Mr. Maynards and Ebenezer Maynard offer'd to go to Boston with our Pork, though his Design was to trade with Nathan if he had been at home.

1746 December 11 (Thursday). Rainy yet. 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 January 3 (Saturday). Mr. John Chamberlin here. Makes offers for my young fatting Sow.

1747 January 6 (Tuesday). A.M. Mr. Chamberlin buys my fatting Sow alive. He offers 18 d per pound when kill'd, or 12 d alive. She weighed 108 alive and comes to 5£ 8 shillings of which he pays be 4£ old Tenor.

1747 January 12 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Chamberlin took away the young Sow which he bought of me a few days ago and sent her to Boston alive in a small Drove.

1747 December 23 (Wednesday). Neighbour Eliezer Rice came with Neighbour Edwards Whipple and they kill'd a Sow which weigh'd 167 and a Barrow which weigh'd 175. They did it gratis.

1750 December 19 (Wednesday). Ebenezer assisted by Neighbour Ebenezer Maynard kill'd a Sow for me which had never had any Piggs and which weigh'd 224.

1752 March 31 (Tuesday). Kill'd a young Sow to Send to Boston, but sold it to Mr. John Beeton, Smith; weigh'd 152. Mr. Beeton to Boston.

1754 February 5 (Tuesday). Ebenezer kill'd 5 Swine. One of 13 Score, a sow of nigh 11 Score, and three pigs of 5 or 6 score. Three of those swine he sent to Mr. James Allen of Boston, Tayler, per Lieutenant Maynard.

1756 December 2 (Thursday). Mr. Aaron Nurse assisted in killing a small sow; weighed a little more than 6 Score.

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

1757 March 14 (Monday). Neighbour Alpheus Newton brings the 2 Swine I bought of him of the 12th. One a Barrow, the other a sow. Weighed, the former 96, the other 84, so that they come to nine Pound old Tenor.

1758 March 20 (Monday). Deacon Tainter came and killed a Sow for me. Weighed 256.

1758 December 22 (Friday). Capt. Wood killed a sow pig for me, weighed 143 lb.

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. I present him *Doolittle's Young Mans Instructor* and old mans remembrancer, which I formerly bought of Mr. Richard (afterwards Coll.) Saltonstall.

1759 February 24 (Saturday). Mr. Daniel Adams brought a young Sow which I have bought of him @ 14d per pound alive. She weighs 80 lb., and is about 6 months old and for her I immediately paid him by a Note to the Collector Jonathan Fay.

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.

1771 September 17 (Tuesday). Mr. *Sumner* came early in the morning; and I sold him a Young sow, of English, or the great breed: weighed 97 lb. at 15d per pound. John and Joseph helped him lead her off, he having paid me for her.

1771 October 7 (Monday). Early in the Morning Mr. *Sumner* and I rode to Mr. Morse's where we broke Fast. N.B. A great Sow of his was mad -- and they Shot her Yesterday Morning. She had bit two other of his Swine.

1773 January 9 (Saturday). Deacon *Wood* came and killed a large Swine (a sow) for me.

1773 January 14 (Thursday). Mr. *Morse* who carried the large sow (which was killed last Saturday) to *Marblehead*, for me, came back. It weighed 324. He got 2/9 per pound, gave me 2/6.

1774 January 21 (Friday). I bought a young Store Sow of Mr. *Thaddeus Warrin*, weighed 120 at 17 per pound.

1774 December 22 (Thursday). Am concerned about *Breck* who does not come home till night, it being difficult Weather, and the night dark -- till at length he came with his Mare in his Hand, Strangely and Suddenly distempered. Has been obliged to Send Nehemiah Maynard to Mr. *Job Carly*'s -- but he did not come.

1774 December 23 (Friday). *Elias* goes to hasten Mr. *Carly*. He came, dined. We killed a large Sow, and Mr. *Carly* uses it as a Medicine against the Mares Disorders. He designs also to give her Oyl of Turpentine. These being good Remedys against the Botts. He leads the Mare to his House beyond *Northborough*.

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.

1778 December 21 (Monday). Messrs. Nathan Maynard Junior and Caleb Harrington killed a large sow for me. I lent Maynard sixty-six dollars. Mrs. P. kills 5 Geese, and 6 dunghill Fowls for market with the Pork. For it appears necessary to make some money of what we raise that we may be able to purchase what is wanting in other respects.

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.

1782 July 23 (Tuesday). A Sad Disaster befell one of my Neighbour *Harringtons* Piggs; which ran under the Cart Wheel as *Thatcher* was driving in a Load of Hay at the End of the House. The Pig got up, ran down to the first Elm by the Road, there fell down and dyed. Mr. *Brigham* stuck her (it was sow) and she bled. Mr. *Harrington* was informed immediately by Mr. *Brigham*, but he would pay little Regard.