

Swine

1726 March 2 (Wednesday). A Swine (given us by Mr. Holloway) kill'd for us by Neighbor Clark and David Maynard.

1726 December 13 (Tuesday). I was at Captain Fay's, Mr. Pratts, etc., to get hands to Cut wood and kill my Swine.

1726 December 14 (Wednesday). Neighbor Pratt and Maynard came and kill'd Two of my Swine.

1737 November 10 (Thursday). I rode to Mr. Wheeler's, called at Mr. Danforth as I went, but din'd at Mr. Wheeler's. N.B. Mr. Thomas Ward at Mr. Nathan Balls's. I was at Mr. Lawrence's and at Mr. Gershom Fay's and at Mr. McCollister's. N.B. Disappointment about Swine notwithstanding my long Dependence.

1738 November 9 (Thursday). Supp'd at Lieutenant Holloways. N.B. I bought a Swine of him for which I agreed to give him 3£.

1738 November 14 (Tuesday). Andrew Cwees [?] brought the Swine which I bought of Lieutenant Holloway last week, price 3£.

1739 February 16 (Friday). A Last Year Lamb that had been hurt by the wanton Swine dy'd yesterday.

1739 March 6 (Tuesday). Mr. Tainter came and kill'd Two Swine for me.

1740 October 30 (Thursday). Mr. Tainter, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Aaron Forbush and Warrin came to take down my wild steer. They perswaded me rather to fell [sell?] him and buy my Beef notwithstanding the keeping I had bestow'd and I consented and Sold him to Mr. Harrington for £13. Mr. Hezekiah Ward of Sturbridge here. We Shut up a Third Swine for Pork.

1740 November 20 (Thursday). Neighbor Aaron Forbush and Hezekiah Pratt kill'd Three Swine for me. Weight 141, 118, 99. Neighbor Warrin building me a Hovel.

1749 March 17 (Friday). Home. Captain Maynard had come, and with Lieutenant Tainter kill'd a Young Swine of between 7 and 8 score. Neighbour Rogers salted down our pork, and Mr. Daniel Warrin of Shrewsbury brought me an Hive of Bees.

1749 December 6 (Wednesday). Neighbour Hezekiah How and Neighbour Daniel Warrin assist my son in killing 3 Swine, one weighing above nine, another above 7, another almost 4 Score. Foreseeing I must give some of my Corn to my Cattle and Horses by reason of the shortness of Hay, I chose to kill my Pork early though it be small -- have laid up the more Beef.

1752 February 10 (Monday). My Wife this Day 35 years old. I went over to the other house. Daniel Hastings there. He assisted Ebenezer in killing two swine, one nigh fourteen, the other near thirteen score.

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.

1755 December 26 (Friday). My Son Ebenezer came and with Thomas's Help kill'd two Swine; which were but Small, one 126, the other 119, our Corn having been so cut off by the Frosts, both late in the Spring and early in the Fall.

1756 August 26 (Thursday). Am Sorry that one of my Swine, while I was gone, did Mischief in my Neighbour *Beeton's Field*. I viewed his Fence; and found that by measure the Rails, between which the Hog got in, were 14 Inches apart.

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.

1761 February 9 (Monday). Messrs. B. Tainter and Artemas Bruce killed two good Swine for me gratis, and dined with me.

1769 December 13 (Wednesday). Mr. David Maynard came and killed a Swine for me. John is greatly indisposed, but lends an Hand; Samuel is also assisting.

1771 August 13 (Tuesday). A great deal of Trouble by the breaking in of Swine into my Corn; and the Destruction that they made there.

1771 August 22 (Thursday). We have so many Swine and have so Spent our Meal that I went to Mr. Thomas Temple's and got two Bushels and brought it home my self.

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.

1772 January 4 (Saturday). Mr. Barnabas Newton and Mr. Nathan Townsend kill a large Swine for me: and do it gratis.

1772 February 7 (Friday). Mr. *Edwards Whipple* and Mr. *Nathan Maynard* came and killed two Swine for us.

1773 January 9 (Saturday). Deacon *Wood* came and killed a large Swine (a sow) for me. Mr. *Joseph Harrington* bring here, assisted.

1774 February 23 (Wednesday). N.B. *John Fay* has killed two Swine for me a.m. and cutt wood p.m. One weighed [blank], the other [blank].

1775 February 3 (Friday). *John Fay* kindly helps *Asa Ware* in killing 3 young Swine.

1777 January 14 (Tuesday). When I returned expected to see Deacon *Wood* and Mr. *Nathan Maynard* junior who had been killing two large swine for me, but the Deacon was gone home, and *Joseph Culloch*, who came with him, and assisted -- but *Maynard* stays and dines here.... At Eve also *Joseph Culloch* and his Brother *James* came and weighed, cut out and salted up my *Pork*. One weighed 274, the other 259.

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.