

## Rails

1726 May 10, 11 (Tuesday, Wednesday). Robert got Rails.

1736 March 24 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Holloway, Mr. Wheeler, Livermore, Neighbour Ball, Billings, Cwees, Silas and Timothy Fay, \_\_\_\_\_ Cutting, Phinehas Ball (sent my [sic] Mr. James Ball) and John Oake came and gott me Fencing stuff, Posts and Rails, in the Ministerial Lot.

1736 May 1 (Saturday). David Bathrick went with my Team to the Ministerial Lot and brought up a Load of the Posts and Rails got by Lieutenant Holloway etc.

1736 June 22 (Tuesday). David Carting Rails from Ministerial Swamp which Lieut. Holloway etc. got for me in the Spring. He found many both Posts and Rails were burnt and utterly marred by the Fires in the Spring. N.B. ~~word crossed out~~ By Information Capt. Forbush Set the fires there. It proves a great Damage to me.

1736 August 4 (Wednesday). Heavy, rainy Weather yet. David rails for kitchin chamber at the [Toup?] of the Stairs, yesterday -- and window shutters for Study Window yesterday and to Day.

1736 September 16 (Thursday). David gone to grind Apples. Whilst I was gone he picked Apples and mowed rowing one Day -- Another Day (the foul Day) threw Dirt out of the Cellar to prepare for the rebuilding the North side of the Cellar wall and to lay the foundation of another stack of Chimneys -- and another Day Set up Rail Fence upon the New Ground [on?] the South side of the Road.

1739 April 18 (Wednesday). Neighbor John Rogers at work for me. Splicing Rails and posts and Setting up Fence upon the back of the settle upon the Hill.

1739 September 26 (Wednesday). Aaron Forbush and William Johnson at Work for me, picking Apples and carting them over. Part of Afternoon Splitting Rails.

1740 February 14 (Thursday). N.B. David Baverick and Samuel Bumpso getting Rails.

1740 March 19 (Wednesday). Samuel Bumpso and David Baverick at work for me. A.M. Cutting wood and p.m. Splicing Rails.

1740 June 6 (Friday). Mr. Daniel Warrin wrought for me p.m. Splicing Cedar Rails which Mr. Aaron Forbush got for me in Mr. Joseph Rice of Marlborough's Swamp.

1742 September 14 (Tuesday). Thomas went to Mr. Bowmans to Splice Rails for Me.

1742 September 16 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Miller, Mr. D. Forbush and Phinehas Forb. brought each of them a Load of Rails from Mr. Bowmans -- in all 100.

1744 August 9 (Thursday). Thomas Set up a New Rail Fence between my Fore yard and Garden.

1746 March 24 (Monday). Thence I went to Mr. Harrington about Rails: and I receiv'd their Testimony about what Robert Bradish said at their House February 11.

1747 January 6 (Tuesday). At my House found Timothy Warrin and Eliezer Rice about my Cattle, and I sold 'em to Neighbour Warrin for 44£ and a Days Work ploughing Stubble in the Spring. He gave me Bond to be paid September 29 with Interest -- but I engag'd that if he would pay me by March 10 there should be no Interest at all. He promis'd also to bring me a Load of Rails from Mr. Harringtons.

1749 April 26 (Wednesday). Ebenezer work'd with Noah How, getting out Rails for him in Lieu of an 100 which he says my Hands carted away from him -- but inadvertently.

1749 June 9 (Friday). Ebenezer and Daniel getting Rails and Posts.

1752 April 21 (Tuesday). Early in the Morning to Mr. Clafflands, Warrins, and to Mr. Bonds, to get Teams to fetch Rails from Rody Smiths and Elijah Rice's.

1752 April 22 (Wednesday). Mr. Bond brought 35 Rails from Rody Smiths, and Mr. Simon Tainter 50 from Elijah Rice's.

1752 April 28 (Tuesday). Exceeding difficulty [*sic*] to get any Body to Cart Rails which I have bought of Rody Smith and Elijah Rice.

1752 May 5 (Tuesday). Mr. Solomon Baker with my Cart, but his own Oxen brought me 40 Rails from Rody Smiths: and Mr. Simon Tainter 45 from the same. The former of those was gratis: for the Latter Mr. Tainter ask'd 15/ old Tenor.

1752 May 9 (Saturday). Mr. Robert Claffland, with my Oxen and a Yoke of Mr. Jonah Warrins, brought 50 Rails from Mr. Elijah Rice's. P.M. Mr. Warrin himself with the Same Team, brought 50 more.

1752 October 12 (Thursday). Billy goes with my Team to Mr. Tainters for a Load of Cyder, and brings home a pair of Guinea Fowls from Mr. Daniel Forbush's and 30 Rails from Mr. James Millers junior.

1754 January 18 (Friday). Mr. Timothy Warrin in Defence of Samuel Bumpso, so far as to prevent his going to Jayl, if getting posts and Rails next March might Satisfie on an Execution and Note of last October the third follow'd by continual Ingratitude, negligence and unfaithfulness.

1754 March 1 (Friday). Thomas brought about 30 Rails with Ebenezers Team from the Ministerial Lot.

1754 March 25 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Ebenezer Maynard brought me a Load of Posts from the Ministerial Lot, and carry'd 'em to the Island. Mr. Batheric, Noah Forbush and my son Ebenezer Splicing Rails at the Ministerial Lott.

1754 May 3 (Friday). Mr. Eleazer Whitney brought me forty Rails, ten of them being beyond the Number I expected, and not Splic'd.

1755 June 5 (Thursday). Billy brought over Rails from t'other Place, and carry'd out Ashes to the Cook Field, and laid 'em on the New-broke ground.

1755 October 8 (Wednesday). No Body at Work. Disappointed about sowing my Field, north west of the Meeting House: Can't get up the Wall nor Rail-Fence.

1755 November 12 (Wednesday). I went over to t'other House in my way to the North End. Ebenezer was cutting up his Corn: his Brother Thomas and Mr. John Frost help him. He informs me that my Mare was in an ill Situation on Lords Day Morning, being Cast in her Fetters and a great Rail in between them, and She had lain till She was almost Spent, when he discover'd her. I rode upon her to visit Mrs. Beeman who is Sick at her son Bruce's.

1756 May 3 (Monday). Joseph Chaddock brought a Load of Rails from Mr. M. Twitchels.

1756 May 11 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Charles Rice Splicing Rails and putting up fence p.m.

1756 May 12 (Wednesday). Billy, with Neighbour Barney Newtons Oxen, and Abners Cart goes with our steers to attempt a Load of Rails from Mr. *Moses Twitchels*.

1756 May 20 (Thursday). Mr. Phinehas Hardy brings me 44 rails (Chestnut, Spliced), for which and his Carting them I allow him 20/ old Tenor.

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.

1758 April 11 (Tuesday). Mr. Ebenezer Rice and two of his sons work over at my other place. They are splitting out Rails.

1758 December 22 (Friday). Mr. Barachias Morse brought 91 Rails at twice from his place.

1758 December 25 (Monday). Mr. Morse comes with two Teams with Rails from his place. One of the Teams but 3 Cattle.

1760 April 29 (Tuesday). N.B. Elisha Forbush with a Yoke of Cattle helps in getting out our Muck and ploughing the orchard. Mr. Tainter also (by my Desire) improved the opportunity to bring 60 Rails for me which are laid at the Island to fence the Lane by Capt. Maynards Meadow.

1760 May 13 (Tuesday). Mr. Williams brings 100 Rails to the New Pasture.

1760 May 24 (Saturday). Was forced out in the morning to get Rails and Carting -- to close my Pasture north of the Orchard.

1765 March 26 (Tuesday). Jonathan Batherick here. Tells me he has got me out 200 Posts and 100 Rails. I agree to give him Four Dollars for his Work.

1765 August 17 (Saturday). Thomas went twice with my Team to the Ministerial Lot, and brought rails (55) and posts (50).

1765 August 19 (Monday). Thomas fetches more Rails and Posts from the ministerial Lott (55 Rails and 50 Posts).

1765 August 20 (Tuesday). Thomas Still carts Posts and Rails from the Ministerial Lot.

1766 February 10 (Monday). Jonathan Batherick undertakes to get me two hundred Oak Rails at the Ministerial Lot and Sharp them at 25/ old Tenor per hundred.

1769 January 3 (Tuesday). Mr. Thaddeus Warrin works in Lt. Bruce's Cedar Swamp, and John with him, to get Rails. They get 80.

1769 June 12 (Monday). N.B. This morning, as *Temple* was plowing with my Mare, She was frighted Suddenly and ran away; passed through the adjoining Rye, threw down the Fence, passed over the Rails and went up the Road. Temple was So hurt in his left Arm, that he broke off from Work, in the forenoon, and went to Mr. *Parkers*, and to Dr. *Flynts* to get his Elbow Set; and did not return till late at night.

1770 March 5 (Monday). Gave Notes to sundry persons that I was indebted to.

Viz. To Mr. Seth Morse for Beef and Tallow, £9.1.6 old Tenor.

To Mr. Daniel Stockwell Shoemaker, 12.2.0 Ditto.

To Solomon Batherick for Rails and thrashing, 51/ Do.

1771 May 16 (Thursday). *Joseph Chamberlin* and *Brookfield Elias* go 3 Times to the Ministerial Lot for Rails. They brought 104.

1771 May 21 (Tuesday). The Weather is so dark etc. that we are threatened with much Rain. *Joseph* and *Elias* go to the ministerial Lot for Rails (bring 94 [at?] several Times) but in the last Turn they are in the *Rain*, and till 9 at night.

1776 September 12 (Thursday). Mr. P. *Whitney* (I hear) has appointed a Lecture to day on Occasion of reading the *Declaration of Independency* but my Affairs and Circumstances would not admitt of my attending it. I could not have an Horse -- had divers men to work -- my Boy was needed to carry Rails and Posts, but could not without my Direction etc. etc.

1776 September 15 (Sunday). When *James Hicks* went to the Cow yard for the Cows in the Morning, to drive them to the House to be milked, a young Cow (called the White Face) was fallen down *dead*, out Side the Cow Yard, an upper Rail down not far from the Place where she lay. Sent for Deacon Wood, who with *Joseph Chamberlin* came [and bleed?] her.

1779 February 25 (Thursday). I walked to Mr. Thad. Warrin's to hire him to get out Fencing stuff, posts and Rails; thence to Mr. Isaac Parker's to see and talk with his brother Ephraim about living with me, and he seems disposed.

1779 March 3 (Wednesday). Ephraim Parker (brother of Elisha and Isaac) came to work by the Day for me. He goes to the Ministerial Lot to get Posts and Rails.

1779 March 27 (Saturday). Though the Snow was troublesome, yet Ephraim is employed in fetching two load of Posts and Rails (partly finished) from Beeton's.

1781 March 12 (Monday). Mr. *Solomon Miller* swingles 7 1/2 of Flax. Began about 11 a.m. His son Jacob and Mr. James Miller and Joshua *Twitchell*, get out Rails for me out of my Cedar swamp -- *One Hundred*. They lodge here.

1781 March 14 (Wednesday). I walk to Mr. Thaddeus Warrins, to get him to go to the Ministerial Lot to Split out Oake Rails....

1781 May 4 (Friday). Mr. *James Miller* here at Eve: reckon with him for his work in getting out Cedar Rails at my Swamp -- 2 1/2 Days, 27 shillings old way.