

References to Clover

1765 July 12 (Friday). Breck again for me. Fetched Boards and Slit Work from Forbes's Saw-Mill. Also (by help of Jonas Kenny with him) the Clover I bought of Mr. Moses Nurse and got in the Hay of the West Pasture.

1768 July 13 (Wednesday). Mr. *Ballantine* leaves us; by him I wrote to Mr. Brown and to my son Alexander concerning my present uncommon Distress, left so Shamefully to look out for help at a Time when we want to use it, and every body may be supposed to be engaged; and besides, must give so much greater Price for Labour. Enoch indeed works with me Still, mowing, tending, and got in one load of, my Cook Island Clover. In my perplexity I rode forth in search of Help -- To Mr. Ebenezer Maynard and hoped he would get the Hay of the Swamp I bought of him, for part of it in pay -- but he could not. Went to Mr. Hannaniah Parker and got him to ride to Shrewsbury to hire one Jonathan Drury (but this proved in Vain). Went over to Mrs. Martyns and dined there. Lay in for a man to serve me a month -- use a Variety of Means besides, bespeaking Help if I Should not light of a man.

1770 April 20 (Friday). Mr. Seth Morse having bought and given me 4 pound of Clover Seed, I employed Mr. Aaron Nurse to come and Sow it, and [that?] Seed my own Barn afforded me. At Eve came Capt. Joseph Wood of Hopkinton.

1770 July 5 (Thursday). Joseph Wood, in mowing behind the Baker Stables, finds it uncommon Burthen: the Clover so very rank and thick. I was a while among the Hay, turning, raking etc.

1770 July 7 (Saturday). Am in some Trouble about my Clover which Joseph has carted in Yesterday, it being too green. Got Neighbour Newton to go to the Barn and examine it.

1771 February 12 (Tuesday). *Elias of Brookfield* is gathering up Clover and English Hay-Seed in the Barn.

1772 November 25 (Wednesday). Lt. *Baker* has been bountiful -- in fattening a Cow and bringing her back from his Pasture -- in allowing me the use of his Cyder Mill etc. in making [6?] Barrells of Cyder, gratis -- with other kindnesses -- for which may God reward him! especially in Spirituals -- but I am much grieved that my whole drove of Cattle (16) have lain a great deal, when they were turned out a Days, on his Clover etc. to his great Hurt. May God forgive the wrong and Ingratitude in this! I admire his Patience and Meekness, in freely overlooking it.

1773 June 25 (Friday). Have a peculiar Favor in divine providence by a good Crop of Clover between the Garden and meeting House-Road. Three of our common Loads between 60 and 70 Cocks. D.G.

1774 July 11 (Monday). *Asa*, though laid by on the 9th p.m., yet is at his business again today. He is mowing the rest of the Clover between the Garden and the Road. I assisted in opening the Cocks which had stood over the Sabbath.

1775 March 13 (Monday). Several Companys train -- Capt. Morse Sends to ask me to let 'em train on my Clover: but they went into Neighbour *Newtons* Field, south of the Noon House. Capt. *Edmund Brighams* Company as well as the other, *Shew Arms*..

1778 May 1 (Friday). A peculiarly Difficult time with me, it being very Stormy and my Sheep so unruly, breaking into [not only?] my own Clover, but into Mr. [*Newtons*?] [forced to Shut?] them up in the Barn, and keep them on Hay and Stalks, though it makes them waste, and dirty.

1778 July 13 (Monday). For *Timothys* Work for the Doctor in hoeing *Stephen Maynard* came and mowed part of my Clover in the West Field, much diminished indeed by Mr. *Harringtons* sheep getting frequently into it, feeding and trailing and tangling it. *Timothy* very faithful in tending, raking etc. I could not but go out and rake part of the p.m.

1778 July 14 (Tuesday). *Stephen* again a.m. I raked again and *Breck* principally helpfull, especially in Carting in the Clover.

1778 July 15 (Wednesday). They get in the rest of the Clover.

1780 February 7 (Monday). At evening *Ephraim Parker* borrows the *History of human Nature* etc. Advises concerning the sowing my Island with Clover etc.

1780 July 8 (Saturday). Four Men came kindly to give a Morning Jobb, and cut down the English and Clover Grass in my West Field. They were Messrs. *Thad. Warrin*, *Paul Lamson*, *Jonathan Pierce* and *Ebenezer Force*. They worked till nine o'clock a.m.