## **Mulberry (Mullberry) Tree**

1749 March 16 (Thursday). In the Morning Mr. Bliss was going to a Fast at Mr. Farrars and my own Business requir'd me to make Dispatch. Was a little while at Mr. Minots. But my Design was to find out one Mr. Isaac Taylor, a Gunsmith, with whom I desir'd my son Ebenezer Should live a while to learn that [crossed out] and what else falls into that Trade. I accordingly went to him and talk'd with him, who deferr'd determining, and promis'd to send me a Letter. Visited Mr. Whiting, and Captain Peter Prescott -- din'd with the Latter -- brought from him the works of Machiavell -- also a Number of Roots, Cyons and Branches to propagate Mullberry Trees, and Pear Trees etc.

1757 May 16 (Monday). The End of my staying at Southborough was that I might go to Marlborough this morning which I did (having Mr. Abijah *Gales* Horse which I borrowed for this purpose). Rode to Esquire Brighams -- to Mrs. *Betty Eagers*, where I got two young Mulberry Trees -- dined with my wife's Kinswoman Mrs. *Anna Brigham* -- gave her a note of 50£ old Tenor upon Interest, as part of pay for Lucys Curtains, Chairs, etc.

1764 October 19 (Friday). Walked in Mr. Crockers Prim-Grove, being the Ascent to the House of the Lord. On the Wind Mill Hill, Saw from Sea to Sea. Saw Malabar Point, or Menomoy -- in the Bay of which, I was when I went to Nantucket. Saw that remarkable Place, where our Fathers first came ashore in America; called *Namskakit*; the Division between the Towns of Harwich and Eastham. We return to Squire Stones, but dine at Mr. *Dunstars*. N.B. the Inoculating unbearing mulberry Trees, to make them bear.

1765 April 6 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter brought from Boston Magazines for Sept., Oct., Nov. and brings a Vine, a Mulberry Tree, Gooseberry Bushes etc. from Mr. Holbrook, with a Letter.

1774 October 11 (Tuesday). After Mr. Ruggles had broke fast with us at my Sons, I returned to Brookfield. Rode to Mr. *Daniel Gilberts* and dined there. Viewed his Mulberry Trees and Silk worms, Coons etc.