

Potash

1754 October 28 (Monday). Mr. Henry Barns, Merchant in Marlborough, here. Is about to set up the Pot Ash Business in Hopkinton.

1764 August 16 (Thursday). Capt. *Woods Pot-Ash at work*. I was there to See it. *Brewer* the workman, to manage it. Messrs. *Holbrook* and *Surcomb* return and dine with me. At Eve I wait upon 'em to Capt. Woods, they having never seen the working of Pot-ash. They were now smelting. These Gentlemen tarry with us over Night.

1765 June 19 (Wednesday). Thomas Arnold with Capt. Woods oxen p.m. fetches 3 Load of the Soaked Ashes from the Potash works.

1766 August 25 (Monday). We hear that Solomon Prentice of Grafton, a Youth, fell with one Foot into the boiling Kittle of Potash.

1766 October 10 (Friday). We dine at our son Baldwins. Each of my Children being together, and Dr. Throop entertains us with vocal and instrumental musick after Dinner. We were at the *Potash* to see the Melting off. We again lodge there.

1766 October 27 (Monday). A.M. Visited Several of my son's Neighbour's Places, particularly Mr. Samuel Browns. Went to the *Pot-Ash Works* near my son's.

1774 September 17 (Saturday). Closely applyed to my preparations. P.M. Came my Kinsman *Bradshaw* and with him my Granddaughter *Molly* (daughter of my Son *Ebenezer*) whom he has married. They have been to Providence to dispose of Potash and buy Goods -- and to *Stoughtonham* to visit his Parents etc.