

Winnow and Winnowing

1736 December 24 (Friday). Old Mr. Maynard and David Baverick winnowed out my Rie.

1738 October 5 (Thursday). Old Mr. Maynard Winnow'd 12 Bushels and nigh 3 Pecks of Rice [sic] for me. N.B. Mr. Pannel had winnow'd 2 Bushels before.

1739 November 19 (Monday). Old Mr. Maynard came and winnow'd up my Beans.

1740 October 1 (Wednesday). Sam Bumpso Thrashing Wheat Still. Finish'd it somewhat before night, and winnow'd it over a first Time.

1740 November 10 (Monday). Mr. Warrin winnow'd my Rye. 11 Bushels and a Peck.

1745 December 28 (Saturday). Ebenezer winnow'd some Rye.

1749 March 14 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter came and winnow'd out my Barley.

1750 February 12 (Monday). At Eve Ebenezer taken very ill, Shaking and great pain in his Side follow'd with Fever and Thirst. N.B. he had winnow'd some Quantity of Indian Corn in the Day and very probably took Cold by it.

1756 January 23 (Friday). Billy winnows up the remainder of our Small matter of Barley. It amounts to about 4 Bushels only.

1757 November 8 (Tuesday). Nathan Kenny winnowed Rye.

1760 March 6 (Thursday). Capt. Wood winnowed 7 1/2 Bushels of Rye for me.

1760 October 11 (Saturday). Alex -- having thrashed out our Oats -- winnows up about 16 B.

1760 November 12 (Wednesday). N.B. Breck helps Mr. Parker Winnow. I receive 8 Bushell of Rye (Spring Rye) for my part. Alexander winnows at home.

1760 November 29 (Saturday). I rode up to Mr. Bakers. Alexander and Breck winnow Rye.

1764 December 18 (Tuesday). Mr. Adonijah Rice winnows Oats -- but chiefly Rye -- 11 1/2 Bushels of Rye.

1765 August 14 (Wednesday). *Thomas* trashes Oates and winnows.

1767 September 15 (Tuesday). *Temple* winnows 20 Bushels Rye.

1767 September 30 (Wednesday). Richard Temple comes from Framingham late in the forenoon, winnows 6 1/2 and goes to thrashing Rye.

1767 October 2 (Friday). Richard winnows Rye a.m. Clears 13 Bushels. P.M. Thrashes Again. John p.m. gathers in Beans. Richard says we have now carry'd in 50 bushels of Rye, which is cleaned up.

1767 October 6 (Tuesday). Temple winnows (as he has counted) 26 Bushel.

1768 November 19 (Saturday). Temple, by means of the Storm, can't winnow the Rye.

1770 December 28 (Friday). *Elias* being gone, I was obliged to winnow a Parcel of Flax-seed, Somewhat above two Bushels, for the Oyl Mill in *Sutton*: but fear I got cold, and that the Rheumatism would follow.

1777 January 25 (Saturday). *Henry Marble* comes and they winnows [*sic*] up Rye.

1777 February 6 (Thursday). *Marble* finishes winnowing my Rye. Of *Marbles* and *Phinehas Brigham's* Thrashing there was about 48 Bush.

1780 September 25 (Monday). But I am sorry to see my Husbandry fast asleep, no body at work for me, though my apples are rotting and wasting, and Flax seed on stry, (?) unwinnowed on the Barn Floor.

1780 October 11 (Wednesday). I am obliged to take unspeakable Pains to get a very little work done -- have obtained Mr. Thad. Warrin to thrash a little Rye to Sowe, and he winnows it -- 2 bushels.

1780 December 1 (Friday). Rob. Wightman is so successful in his getting out and cleaning the Rye that in these few Days he has thrashed and winnowed (as he has counted) 40 Bushels besides that he plowed for me half a Day, which he gave in; and he carries away 4 Bushels for his wages.