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Innkeeper, Hartford, Conn. 1660 -

Jeremy Adams was born c. 1604 in England and died 11 August 1683 in Hartford, Conn. He married first, c. 1637 Rebecca ( - ), widow of Samuel Glenhill, who died in 1678. He married second, Rebecca Fletcher, daughter of John Fletcher and widow of Andrew Warner, Jr.

Jeremy Adams came from England to Massachusetts and was a land owner in Cambridge by 1633 and was made a Freeman in 1635. In 1636 he removed to Hartford, Conn. in the company led by Rev. Thomas Hooker.

Adams was a member of an expedition in 1638 to the Warranocke Indians "to treat with the Indians and to trade with them for corn." On 5 March 1644 he was ordered to appear at the next General Court to receive censure for encouraging Thomas Asmor to resist an officer and especially for his "passionat distempered speeches, lowd language and unmannerly caredge in the face of the Court."

In May 1660 Jeremy Adams was licensed for the exclusive right to sell liquors. The following year he was established as the colony's official keeper of the ordinary that was managed by the family for three generations. The inn was built on a lot purchased by Adams from John Morris, another of the original Hartford proprietors. Today the site is that of the Universalist Church.

The lot where the ordinary, tavern, or inn (it was all three) was located, was originally mortgaged to the colony on 26 January 1660. It was the meeting place of the General Court and served for other public purposes. Adams was the only person in Hartford permitted to sell wine in a lesser quantity than a quarter of a cask.

Jeremy Adams' one remaining son, John, died in 1670; John's wife died in 1678; Jeremy's first wife also died in 1678.

The mortgage on the Adams ordinary was foreclosed in January 1680-81. When Jeremy died in 1683 he left a small estate valued at £ 243.5.6. In 1685 his grandson, Zachary Sandford, son of Robert and Ann (Adams) Sandford, redeemed the inn property, then maintained an ordinary in the same place for many years.

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