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ROBERT ANDREWS

Innkeeper, Ipswich, Massachusetts, 1636

(from a work in progress entitled *Gardner's Door*, by Alexander Bannerman)

ROBERT ANDREWS was born near the year 1593,^{*} probably in England, and there, by about the year 1618, he married his wife, Elizabeth, whose family identity has not been learned. Their arrival on American shores occurred in 1634, and the family settled at Ipswich, where, on 6 May 1635, Robert's name was among those granted freehold status.

Robert and Elizabeth were the parents of four children:

Alice b. [say] 1618 in England; d. bef. 2 Apr 1641, prob. at Ipswich, MA; m. by 1638, prob. at Ipswich, MA, as his 1st wife, to William Franklin; they had an only ch. Elizabeth.

Abigail[†] b. [say] 1620 in England; d. 1665 at Ipswich, MA; m. c. 1641 to Daniel Hovey, Sr. (bapt. 6 Aug 1618 at Waltham Abbey, Essex, England; d. Apr 1692 at Ipswich, MA); 7 ch.

John, of whom we treat next.

Thomas b. [say] 1625 in England; d. 10 July 1683 at Ipswich, MA; never marr.; he succeeded Ezekiel Cheever as schoolmaster at Ipswich in 1662; his estate papers include a petition to the court by his brother-in-law, Daniel Hovey, in which numerous members of the family are mentioned.

In addition to farming, Robert occupied himself as an innkeeper at Ipswich. On 3 September 1635, he was licensed by the General Court to keep an ordinary, and in 1636, he was allowed to sell wine by retail, "if he do not wittingly sell to such as abuse it by drunkenness."^{*} He made his will at Ipswich on 1 March 1643/4 and died within a few days afterward.[§] The document mentions his wife Elizabeth, his sons, and several other individuals. Robert's wife survived him, but the date and place of her death have not been learned.

^{*} The general content of this biography is culled almost completely from Robert Charles Anderson, *The Great Migration: Immigrants to New England 1634-1635* (6 vols., Boston: NEHGS, 1999), vol. 1, pp. 52-56.

[†] She is sometimes erroneously called Rebecca, apparently confusing her with a daughter-in-law; however, her identity is well established by her husband's petition to the General Court in the matter of the estate of his brother-in-law, Thomas Andrews. See The Daniel Hovey Association, *The Hovey Book* (Mass.: 1913), pp. 12-13, citing Court Records (of Salem), vol. 40, p. 63; cf. *NEHGR* 36:195 (1882), which cites Essex County Probate Records, vol. 2, p. 744. Of note, among her descendants are President Rutherford Birchard Hayes and the artist Frederic Sackrider Remington. See *NEHGR* 136:319, 327 (1982).

^{*} Joseph B. Felt, *History of Ipswich, Essex and Hamilton* (Mass.: by the author, 1834), p. 111; Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, ed., *Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, 1628-1686* (Boston: 1853-4), vol. 1, pp. 159, 292.

[§] The Essex Institute, *Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Massachusetts*, vol. III (Salem, MA: 1913), p. 163.