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The Ordinary, Easthampton, Long Island, 1654 -

"Thomas Backer was born ye 29 of September 1618." He was baptized at Hothfield, County Kent 11 October 1618, son of Thomas Baker and his second wife, Frances Downe. "Alys ye wife of Thomas Backer was born ye 22 of May 1620. Thomas Backer and Ales his wife were married the 20 of June 1643. We came out of England in the year 1639." He died "the 30 day of April 1700, which was in the eighty second year of his age. Mother Backer dyed the 4 day of February 1708-9 in the eighty eight yeare of her age." She was Alice, daughter of Ralph and Alice (Goldhatch, Tritton) Dayton, baptized Ashford, County Kent 20 May 1619. Thomas erred by one year on her birth.)

Thomas Baker was an original settler of Milford, Connecticut, 1639. He lived there until 1650, when he purchased property in Easthampton. He was a "Townsmen" there 1650-1662 (governing committee). On 9 November 1654 "it was ordered that Thomas Baker shall keep the ordinary." He was always designated "Mr.", a term of respect reserved for ministers and a very few leading citizens. Town meetings were held in his home, and he also accepted goods on consignment from New York and other merchants. In 1657/8 he and John Hand were sent to bring Easthampton under Connecticut. From 1658 to 1662 he was a magistrate, General Courts of Connecticut and Easthampton. In 1662 and 1663 he was one of the 12 "Assistants" to the Governor of Connecticut. After the English take-over of New Netherland, he was one of the two delegates from the town to the Hempstead Convention. In October 1665 he was the foreman of the first grand jury in the Province of New York. In 1666 he was overseer, and in 1667 constable of Easthampton. For the decade 1675 to 1685 he was Justice of the Peace for the East Riding of Yorkshire (eastern Long Island), sitting in the court of assizes at New York City, Southampton and Southold.

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