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# RICHARD BALDWIN

## Tavernkeeper, Milford, Connecticut

Richard Baldwin was baptized at Aston Clinton, Bucks, England on 25 August 1622, son of Sylvester and Sarah (Bryan) Baldwin, and died at Milford on 23 July 1665. He married probably at Milford 1643 Elizabeth Alsop of New Haven, born at Alsop-in-the-Dale, Derbyshire, England 1625 and died at Milford in July 1688, daughter of John and Temperance (Gilbert) Alsop. She married second 1 November 1670 William Fowler, 2d.

Richard Baldwin came to America in 1638 on the ship MARTIN and was a free planter at Milford. He was a member of the church in May 1641, and his home lot of three acres was on the west side of the river. There is a memorial stone with his name on the Memorial Bridge over the Wepawaug River. His family included ten children. He became Sergeant and Ensign in the Militia, and was a member of the General Court, 1662-1664.

In 1657 Richard Baldwin "propounded that he might hire of the jurisdiction the customs and excises of such wine and strong liquors as he should draw and sell by retayle," for which he paid ten pounds a year. "In May 1659 John Heardman was complained of for being drunk and disorderly. The marshall undertaking to arrest him, he 'hitt his hat on the ground, and bid the marshall touch him if he durst.' Heardman thought they only had three or four quarts for four persons, 'wch ye court witnessed against as an excessive quantity for so small a company wch ye court will consider of.' Mr. Fenn said Mr. Heardman had friends who would speak for him. Being asked who, he named Sergeant Baldwin, but he now said ye Sergeant Baldwin had always given him good counsell, to wch it was said, had he given him good counsell, and less liquor, it had been well. It afterward appeared that eleven men drank five pints and "Baldwin desired that God would help him, while he continued in that employment to be more watchful."

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