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SAMUEL AND HANNAH (LEMON) BEADLE

Tavern Keepers, Salem, Mass., 1682-1711

Samuel Beadle, Jr., son of Samuel and Susanna Beadle of Charlestown and Salem, Mass., married 10 June 1668 Hannah, daughter of Robert and Mary Lemon of Salem. Hannah Lemon was baptized 7 July 1650; her will of 29 March 1729 was proved 25 July 1736.

Samuel Beader, Jr. was a wood turner and furniture maker. He acquired a lot on the ocean in Beverly from his father-in-law on his marriage in 1668 which he sold in 1676 and purchased a lot in North Salem. When he sold this lot in 1681 he is identified as a vintner or wine merchant, having given up his trade of turner because of poor health. He served on a jury in the Salem Quarterly Court in 1673, as town Constable with his older brother, Nathaniel, in 1677, and as Clerk of the Market to regulate the prices of commodities sold in Salem in 1678.

The Selectmen of Salem at a town meeting on 26 February 1682 made note that Samuel had been impressed into the service against the Indians (King Philip's War) and, "disabled from following his calling or getting a livelyhood for himself & Famly and haueing Continued for some years vnder the affliction thereof his Estate is much wasted & declining." In consideration they chose him in place of Mr. Stephens "to bee one of the Inholders and grant him liberty to sett up & keepe an Inn in this towne." They had to replace an existing innholder to satisfy the order of the General Court that after 1 October 1681 those licensed in Salem were not to exceed two wine taverns, four innholders and four retailers of wine and strong liquor. This may be the first example of such preference given to a veteran.

On 9 March 1682/3 Samuel petitioned the Salem Court for his license as an innkeeper, stating, "Whereas by the providence of God and my hard service in the Narraganset country my health has been much impaired and my body incapable of following my calling by reason of grievous aches and pains that constantly attend me the consideration whereof has moved the selectmen of Salem to consider of some fit way for me whereby I might get a

livelihood for myself and family and for that end have granted me their approbation for one of the innholders to keep an inn in the town of Salem." He was licensed in June, 1783, and the license was renewed in 1685.

Besides accommodating strangers, the Beadle tavern was used for local meetings and the evening discussions of the townsmen. In 1690 at a meeting of the Selectmen, Samuel was credited 20 shillings when he "promised to pay the Select in Entertaynment."

Samuel Beadle's tavern was located on St. Peter Street in Salem. Although he was not wealthy, his estate when he died in 1706 included a Jersey boy servant and an Indian woman slave. With their help, it appears, Mary, his wife, operated the inn until 1711.

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