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WILLIAM DANIELL

Innkeeper, Milton, Massachusetts 1650-1678.

William Daniell was born in England ca. 1600 and died at Milton, Massachusetts 26 August 1678. He married about 1640-45 Catherine Grenaway/Greenway, born in England and died at Milton 14 November 1680, daughter of John and Mary (---) Greenway.

William's wife Catherine came to America with her parents on the Mary and John in 1630. Upon her marriage her father granted the young couple a gift of land on the south side of the Neponset River. Moving to Unquity, they built a tavern on the old road which ran over Milton Hill through Braintree toward Plymouth. The location is now 520 Adams Street, Milton.

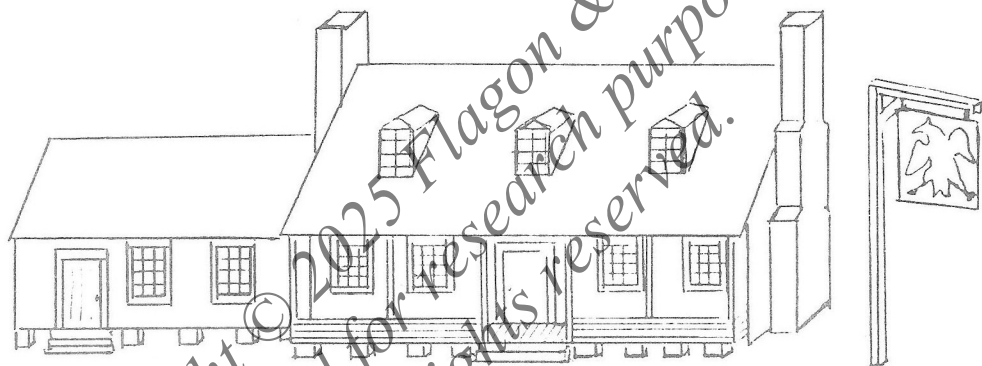
The Massachusetts Colonial Records present a remarkable item re Catherine: she gathered neighboring Indians at her house on Milton Hill to teach them to read. So successful was she that the Colony commissioners commended her; on 24 September 1653 they recorded: "Having learned that for three years past the wife of William Daniel hath bestowed much of her time in teaching several Indians to read, think fit to allow her twelve pounds and to encourage her to continue the same course, that more of the Indians may be taught by her, think for to allow her three pounds more beforehand towards another year."

The will of William Daniell calls him "of Milton, in Suffolk County in New England, Innkeeper." His oldest son John was executor, and inherited the inn. He was baptized at Dorchester, Massachusetts 6 August 1648 and died at Milton 6 October 1718. He married 29 March 1672 Dorothy Badcock/Babcock, daughter of George Badcock. John increased the estate considerably, occupying himself with the inn and his farms. Active in town affairs, he held many town offices. In his will, recorded at Boston 13 October 1718, he does not identify himself as innkeeper, nor is the inn mentioned. Other large real estate holdings were left to his oldest living son and executor, John, Junior.

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Newgate (Gate) Tavern as it probably looked
based on old pictures and descriptions

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