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Innkeeper, Andover, Massachusetts, 1648 -

Edmund Faulkner was born in Kingscleare, County Hampshire, England c.1625; died at Andover, Massachusetts on 28 January 1687. He married a widow, Dorothy Robinson at Salem on 4 February 1647. There were two sons and two daughters of this marriage.

Edmund Faulkner came to Andover from Salem by 1645. He was the ninth settler of Andover and one of the ten freeholders who organized the Andover church on 24 October 1645. He was one of two men who negotiated the purchase of the plantation from the Indian Chief Cutshamakin. Family tradition says the price was twenty gallons of rum and a red coat.

Faulkner took the oath of allegiance at Andover on 11 February 1678, was selectman in 1674, town clerk in 1675 and held other positions of honor. He was one of the few men in the Andover records to be honored with the designation "Mr."

In King Phillip's War the Indians attacked his house, knocked off one of his cow's horns, cut out her tongue, put a horse, ox and cow into a hovel and then set it afire "only to show how they delighted in exercising cruelty." Edmund's daughter Hannah and her husband were killed by Indians on 22 February 1697/98 at Andover.

Edmund was licensed in 1648 as the first Innkeeper in the town of Andover.

In the ancient cemetery on Academy Road in the Old Center of North Andover, lie the remains of Edmund Faulkner. In 1905 his descendants of the seventh generation placed a metal plaque on a gravestone over his grave which gives some of the details of Edmund's life.

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