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DANIEL GOODWIN

Tavern Keeper, Kittery, Maine, after 1652

Daniel was probably born in England before 1630²³. "Apparently there is no notation of birth, marriage or death, no gravestone, no probate record"²⁴ He died between 1711 and 1713.²⁵ There is a record that states as Sgt. Daniel Goodwin, he married first ca. 1654/5 Margaret Spencer, daughter of Thomas and Patience (Chadbourne) Spencer²⁶; married second, after July 1673²⁷ the widow Sarah (Sanders) Turbot who died after 1711.²⁸ A Nicholas and Peter Turbot came from Bredon, Wiltshire, England to Plymouth, Massachusetts and then to Wells, Maine.²⁹ However, it is suggested that these records may pertain to a son of the same name.³⁰

The first actual record of Daniel Goodwin in New England is the 1652 grant of land to him by the town of Kittery. He was a pioneer, a sergeant in the local frontier force in 1659, a constable in 1662-63. He served on the Coroner's Jury in 1668 and the Grand Jury in 1659 and 1678. He was an original member of the Berwick Church in 1702.³¹ His land was in the parish of Quamphegan, part of Kittery that later became Berwick and then South Berwick.³²

"Daniel long kept a public house with and without license, at times with considerable disorder which brought him into the court."³³ His first wife's father, Thomas Spencer, also had a license to keep a tavern, 1659, 1680, and

²³ In Kittery 1652, received land grant. John Hayes Goodwin, Daniel Goodwin of Ancient Kittery, ME and His Descendants, Foreword.

²⁴ Ibid.

²⁵ Noyes, Libby, Davis, Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire, (Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore reprint 1991; original Portland, Maine, 1928), 271.

²⁶ Ibid.

²⁷ Ibid.

²⁸ Ibid.

²⁹ Piscataqua Pioneers, 1623-1775, 184; Charles Edward Banks, Topographical Dictionary, 183.

³⁰ J H Goodwin, Genealogy, Foreword.

³¹ Noyes, Libby Davis, 271

³² Ibid.

³³ Ibid.

Spencer's widow, Patience, was licensed in 1682.³⁴ In 1661 Thomas Spencer and Daniel Goodwin were accused of trading with the Indians but no grounds appeared. When Spencer's estate was probated, Daniel received "twenty shillings as a token of remembrance."³⁵

In 1711, as Daniel and his second wife were aging, he deeded his homestead to his son Daniel "for support." He died not long after, leaving children: Patience, Adam, Daniel, Thomas, James, William, Moses, Elizabeth, and (perhaps by second wife) Sarah.³⁶ Daniel may have been buried in the Goodwin Plot, South Berwick, on the west side of Old Fields Road, near the river bank.³⁷

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³⁴ Ibid., 652.

³⁵ Ibid.

³⁶ Ibid, 271.

³⁷ John Eldridge Frost, *South Berwick, Maine, Record Book* (1967), 168.