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Tavern Keeper, Newbury, Massachusetts, 1639 - 1650

Edmund Greenleaf came to America from Ipswich, County Suffolk, England and settled in Newbury, Massachusetts c. 1635. He brought his wife Sarah (Moore) and several children with him. Edmund and Sarah were married in 1611 at Langford, County Essex, England. Edmund moved to Boston, Massachusetts about 1650 and died there on 24 March 1671.

Edmund Greenleaf was ordered to be ensign for Newbury and allowed to keep a house of entertainment in 1639. In 1648 Colonial Records show that as Lieutenant Edmund Greeleaf he was allowed to keep an ordinary in Newbury.

Edmund was listed as a silk dyer. He was a freeman in 1638 in Newbury. He was a Militia Captain. In 1644 he is listed as "an ancient and experienced lieutenant" under Captain Parrish.

Fearing a sudden attack from Indians during service time in the meeting house, Edmund Greenleaf was one of four men appointed to head one of the four companies to guard the people. One company each Sabbath brought their arms and stood sentinel at the doors of the church.

On August 25, 1653 Edmund sold his dwelling house and one acre of land with a still-house and the fixtures connected therewith to Captain Paul White. He had removed to Boston about 1650, was admitted an inhabitant 27 September 1654 and died there in 1671.

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