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DAVID HOWE 1674 - 1759

Tavernkeeper, Sudbury, Massachusetts 1702 - 1746

David Howe was born in Sudbury, Massachusetts on 2 November 1674 and died there on 3 August 1759. He married on 25 December 1700, Hepsibah Death, daughter of John and Mary (Peabody) Death.

On 4 June 1702 Samuel Howe gave to his son David 130 acres of "New Grant Land" lying on the Boston Road, where David built his home. It was opened as a public house, first known as "The Howe Tavern" and then as "The Red Horse Tavern", and when immortalized by Longfellow, as "The Wayside Inn." It is the oldest operating inn in the country.

Four generations of the Howe family have owned and operated this famous Inn, covering a period of 160 years. David's son Col. Ezekiel Howe, the next Tavernkeeper, was a member of George Washington's staff and led a group of Minutemen from Sudbury to take part in the Battle of Concord. Revolutionary Soldiers were fed at the Inn.

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