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Innkeeper, Newtown, Connecticut ca. 1712

Peter Hubbell was born at Stratfield Parish, Fairfield, Connecticut 10 August 1686 and died at Newtown, Connecticut in 1780, son of Lt. Richard and Rebecca (Morehouse) Hubbell. He married first at Stratfield 19 January 1709/10 Katherine Wheeler born at Stratfield 20 March 1693/94 and died 16 March 1742 in her forty-ninth year, daughter of Ephraim and Sarah (Sherwood) Wheeler. Peter married second Sarah _____, whose identity is uncertain. She was perhaps Sarah Bryan, or perhaps Sarah (Clark) Hepburn. She died in 1780 at Newtown.

Peter Hubbell's father was one of the richest and most influential planters of Stratfield. When Peter, the eldest son, was five, his mother died and his father remarried. In 1709, following his marriage, Peter moved to Newtown, Connecticut where, in 1712 his father granted him a large tract of land on which he had built and made improvements. He kept the first inn in Newtown and was granted the first ferry there, crossing the Housatonic River to Woodbury. At Newtown's first town meeting, held 24 September 1711, it was voted that Peter Hubbell should be Newtown's first Town Clerk. On Volume one, page two of the town records, he produced a precise and detailed family record, including his marriage to Katherine by the Reverend Charles Chauncy in Stratfield, and the birth records of his first nine children. He was duly mindful of the Bible injunction to increase and multiply upon the earth, producing a total of fourteen children. When his father died in 1734 he willed to Peter two-thirds of his copper mill in Stratfield.

- Joan Wilson Hantel

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1:238

The innkeepers or ordinary keepers have liberty to brewe the beare wch they sell in the houses, or to agree with the brewar as they can.
6 Sept. 1638

1:258

The orders about restraint of beare are repealed, both in respect of the brewar and ordinaries and the ordinaries are permitted to sell beare at 2d a quart.
22 May 1639

1:279-80

In regard of the greates inconvenience that is found for want of fit places of intertainment of people vpon occasion of great assemblies, & arrivall of ships with passengers, it is declared, that vpon such occasions it is lawfull for any person, in any towne where such great resort of people shall happen to bee, to give intertainment to such people, & to affoord them lodging & dyot at reasonable rates, though they bee not allowed to keepe comon ordinaries. And it is further ordered, that every towne shall have liberty, from time to time, to choose a fitt man to sell wine, the same to bee allowed by license from this Court of Assistance, & that it shall bee lawfull for such persons allowed to retaile wine to let wine be drunke in his house; provided, that if any person shalbee made drunke in any such house, or any imoderate drinking suffered there, the master of the family shall pay for every such offence five pounds. And it is further declared & ordered, that such as are allowed to keepe comon ordinaries & inns shall provide stables and hay for horses, & inclosures for pasturing, where neede is; & it is further declared, that if any shall take excessive prices for their wines or dyeting, they shalbee deeply fined for the same.
5 Nov. 1639