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Ordinary Keeper, Hingham, Mass. 1640

Nicholas Jacob was of Hingham, Norfolk, England, prior to 1633 when he emigrated to Hingham, Mass with his wife Mary (Spalding) and two children. He died at Hingham, Mass. 5th day 4th month 1657 (O.S.), his will of 18 May 1657 proved 28 July. Mary married second, on 10 March 1659 John Neal and died in Hingham 15 June 1681.

In Watertown, Mass. Nicholas Jacob purchased a 13 acre homelot which he later sold to Robert Daniell. He was listed among the first proprietors of Hingham and one of the first 30 settlers there who drew their houseslots on 18 September 1635. Other lands were granted to him for planting purposes, for he was a farmer. He was also one of four in 1637 granted the alewife (herring) monopoly to build a weir to take fish at the river called Lyford's Liking.

Nicholas prospered in Hingham where he took the oath on 3 March 1635/6 and became a Freeman. He served the town in many capacities: as Selectman, committeeman, Commissioner and Deputy to the General Court. On 7 October 1640 he was licensed to keep an Ordinary in Hingham, one of several inns and taverns needed in that busy town.

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