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Ordinary Keeper, Barnstable, Massachusetts 1639 - 1663

Thomas Lombard, probably a widower, arrived from Thornecomb, Dorsetshire, Old England on the Mary and John in the Winthrop Fleet, with three adult children. He married Joyce (-) time and place unknown, who survived him. Thomas died leaving a will dated 23 March 1663 in which he named six sons and one daughter.

Thomas Lombard settled first in Dorchester where he was made a free-man on 18 March 1631. By 1639 he was in Barnstable where a court record states: "Thomas Lumbert is allowed to keep victualling, or an ordinary, for the entertainment of strangers and to draw wines in Barnstable." He had one of the largest and best houses in the plantation, fitted and designed for an ordinary or a public house. The house lot was the second one west of Rendezvous Lane and contained 12 acres. On 22 December 1631 an order was made by the town authorities that all lanes and inlets must have gates - the gate against Rendezvous Creek to be made by Thomas Lombard, Sr.

Lombard was a church member in the colony in 1631 and was associated with Rev. Joseph Hull and Rev. John Lothrop. He was not distinguished and his name rarely occurs on the records, but he had a good estate and was a comparatively wealthy man when he died. His will dated 23 March 1663 mentions six sons and a daughter and provided for his wife Joyce.

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