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HENRY ROBIE

Tavernkeeper, Hampton, New Hampshire

Henry Robie/Roby was born at Castle Donington, Leicestershire, England 12 February 1618, son of Thomas and Mary (Coxon) Robie, and died at Hampton, New Hampshire 27 April 1688. He married first, probably at Exeter ca. 1644 Ruth Moore, birthdate unknown, who died at Hampton 5 May 1673, daughter of William Moore of Exeter, New Hampshire. He married second at Hampton 19 December 1673 Elizabeth (Philbrick) (Chase) Garland, who died at Hampton 11 January 1676/7, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (?Knapp) Philbrick, widow of Thomas Chase and of John Garland. He married third Sarah (--) Shaw who survived him and died at Hampton 23 January 1703.

Henry Robie settled first at Dorchester, Massachusetts, moving to Salem by 1639 and then to Exeter, New Hampshire that year, when he signed the Combination there, and where he served as selectman in 1650. Soon after, he settled in Hampton, New Hampshire where he served as selectman several years, as constable, and as justice of the peace. He often served as judge, attorney, and Justice of the Court of Sessions.

"..On October 12, 1669, at the session of the court, Henry Robie was allowed to keep an ordinary in the town, and the court licensed him 'to sell beere and wine and strong waters... and ye sd Robie doth bind himself, in ye sum of forty pounds, on condition not to suffer any townsmen, men's children and servants to be tipling at his house' ..."¹ He maintained the ordinary for the rest of his life, and his widow continued it after his death in 1688.

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