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# ISAAC ROBINSON

## Tavernkeeper, Succanese, (Falmouth), MA

Isaac Robinson was born in Leyden, Holland in 1610, son of Reverend John and Bridget (White) Robinson, and died at Barnstable, Massachusetts in 1704, aged 94. He married first (intentions) at Scituate, Massachusetts on 27 June 1636 Margaret Hanford, born in England 1619, daughter of Jeffrey and Eglin (Hatherly) Hanford. She was buried 13 June 1649 and he married second, about 1650 a wife Mary whose identity is unknown. (She has often been erroneously reported to be Mary Faunce).

Isaac Robinson was the only child of the pastor of the Leyden Pilgrims who came to the New World, arriving on the Lyon in 1631, a single man about twenty-one. First welcomed at Plymouth by the Pilgrims as the son of their dearly beloved and recently much lamented pastor, he was dismissed from their church to that of Scituate in 1636, where he married, and later to Barnstable with the Lothrop group in 1639. He served as deputy for Barnstable, and as tax collector and member of the grand jury. With thirteen others, he founded Succanese, later called Falmouth, Massachusetts. He was chosen to deal with the "tide of Quakerism" arising in the Colony in 1659. Alas, he became convinced of their message, taking the lead in the Quaker Meeting at Falmouth, and consequently was disenfranchised until 1673 when his rights as freeman were restored under Governor Josias Winslow.

On 7 February 1664/5 the Plymouth Colony Records (4:80) show that Isaac Robinson was licensed to keep a tavern at Falmouth, and he continued to do so for many years. When Judge Sewall visited him on 1702 while riding judicial circuit, he reported the ninety-two year old's great age was "passed full of years and honor".

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