

Dolor Davis

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Dolor Davis was born sometime before 1600, in Kent, England. He married Margery Willard daughter of Richard Willard of Horsemonden, yeomen in Kent county England March 29th, 1624. Margery was baptized at Horsemonden, November 7th 1602 and died before 1667. Margery's brother Simon would become a lifelong friend of Dolor Davis. Nothing is known of him until he sailed to America and landed in Boston in May 1634. He quickly bought 25 acres (10 ha) of land on the west side of the river in Cambridge, Massachusetts on August 4, 1635.^[1] [about where Harvard College is today] On April 17, 1628, his wife and three children embarked from London for New England, arrived on the *Elizabeth*, and they decided to live in Cambridge. On June 4, 1635, Davis bought a lot of half a rood for a home, which was located on what is now the corner of Winthrop and Dunster streets.^[2] However, Davis and his friend Willard decided not to stay in Cambridge, like many of the settlers during the years of 1635-1636. In August 1635, Davis and Willard sold their land in Cambridge to Richard Girling.^[2] He became a member of the Duxbury Church in 1640 as well.^[3]

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Duxbury

Dolor Davis moved to Duxbury, August 5, 1638-39, was admitted freemen, and was granted land there in 1640. During the year of 1640, Davis was granted 50 acres (20 ha) and land for his cows to graze. He became a member of the Duxbury Church in 1640 as well.^[4] Dolor and his wife were dismissed from the Duxbury church to the Barnstable church, August 27th 1648. He only stayed here for 3 years before he moved to Barnstable

Barnstable

In 1643, Davis moved again, this time to Barnstable. He and his sons appeared on a list of men in Barnstable between "16 to 60 years of age to bear arms".^[5] In June 1645, he was sworn in as a member of the Grand Inquest of Plymouth Colony. He also tried to become a freeman, and a year later he became a freeman of Barnstable.^[6] In 1652, Dolor Davis was chosen as a surveyor of highways in Barnstable. In 1654, he was then chosen to become the constable of Barnstable.^[7] He continued to live in Barnstable and practice his trade as a carpenter until he left for Concord in 1655. In 1666 Dollar returned to Barnstable From Concord and remained

in Barnstable till he died during June of 1673. Dolor's will, dated September 13th 1672, was proved July 2, 1673. Dolor mentions his sons Simon and Samuel as already having their portions; his son John and son in law Lewis, with Mary, Lewis's wife; daughter Ruth Hall.

Concord

In 1656 Dolor left Plymouth Colony and returned to Concord, Massachusetts, his home for the next 11 years. He bought 150 acres (61 ha) of land, with a house in an assortment of different parcels, from Roger Draper of Concord.^[8] This property soon became Davis's homestead in Concord. He also met up with his friend Simon Willard while he lived in Concord. In 1659, he was recorded as one of the landowners in Concord. Sometime during his stay in Concord, his wife Margery died. Alone, he left Concord in 1666 back to Barnstable.

Pronunciation of his first name

Dolor Davis's name is pronounced dollar. Throughout his life, the variations of his name are spelt Dolor, Dolar, Dolard, Dolord, Dolore, Dollard, Dolerd, Dollerd, Dollar and Dollar.

Marriage and children

Dolar Davis married Margery Willard of Horsemonden, Kent, in 1624. Margery Willard was born sometime around 1602, as that is when she was christened. They had six children, three who were born in England and the other three born in America. They were:

- John, born 1626, England, inherited homestead
- Mary, born 1631, England
- Elizabeth, born 1633, England, died young
- Samuel, born 1639, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Simon, born 1640, Massachusetts
- Ruth, born 1645, Barnstable, Massachusetts

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