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Case Number:

Case Subject: Daniel Maxwell/Mackwell

Goal: Determine what happened to Daniel Mackwell/Maxwell after he arrived at Boston aboard the *John and Sara* in February of 1652. Captured at the Battle of Worcester, he was transported to New England as a prisoner of war.

Client Research:

We have examined your research notes concerning Daniel Mackwell/Maxwell who was captured at the Battle of Worcester. Before we can make a connection to Alexander Mackwell/Maxsell, and study the Maxwell DNA results housed on maxwell-dna.com, a thorough search of land, probate, court, and town records must be conducted for evidence of Daniel Mackwell/Maxwell.

Analysis:

To determine the fate of Daniel Mackwell/Maxwell, we examined sources concerning Scots in Colonial America, as well as the court, probate, land, and some town records for Suffolk, Middlesex, and Essex Counties in Massachusetts. We focused our attention on these three counties because many Scottish prisoners of war settled in these three locales.

We examined the following sources:

Scottish Sources

- David Dobson, *Directory of Scottish Settlers in North America, 1625-1825*, (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1984)
- David Dobson, *The Original Scots Colonists of Early America, 1612-1730*, (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1989)
- David Dobson, *Scottish Emigration to Colonial America, 1607-1785*, (Athens, Georgia: The University of Georgia Press, 1994)
- David Dobson, *Scottish Soldiers in Colonial America*, (Baltimore: Clearfield Publishing Co., 1995), Part 1-4
- David Dobson, *Directory of Scots Banished to the American Plantations, 1650-1775*, (Baltimore: Clearfield Publishing, 2010)
- Christopher Gerrard, Pam Graves, Andrew Millard, Richard Annis, and Anwen Caffell, *Lost Lives New Voices: Unlocking the Stories of the Scottish Soldiers from the Battle of Dunbar 1650*, (Havertown, Penn.: Oxbow Books, 2018)



Suffolk County, Massachusetts

- Suffolk County, MA: Index to Probate Records, 1636-1893, Americanancestors.org
- Suffolk County Court files index A-Sea 1629-1795, FHL#909870
- *Second Report of the Record Commissioners: Boston Town Records 1634-1660*, (Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, 1881)
- *Second Report of the Record Commissioners: Boston Town Records 1660-1701*, (Boston: Rockwell and Churchill, 1881)
- Boston, MA: Church Records, 1630-1895, Americanancestors.org
- Boston, MA: Births, Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths, 1630-1699, Americanancestors.org
- Boston, MA: Inhabitants and Estates of the Town of Boston, 1630-1822 (Thwing Collection), Americanancestors.org
- Index-Grantee Ha-My v. 7-9, 1639-1799, FHL#580663
- Index-Grantor La-Ox v. 13-15 1639-1799, FHL#579926

Middlesex County, Massachusetts

- Middlesex County, MA: Abstracts of Court Records, 1643-1674, Americanancestors.org
- Colonial county court papers, 1648-1798, Card index to court papers, Gr-Mem 1636-1785, FHL#541437
- Index - Grantee, H - R 1639-1799, FHL#532455
- Index - Grantor, H - R 1639-1799, FHL#514110

Essex County, Massachusetts

- Essex County, MA: Early Probate Records, 1635-1681, Americanancestors.org
- *Records and Files of the Quarterly Court of Essex County*, (Salem, Mass.: The Essex Institute, 1911), Vol 1 (1636-1656), Vol 2 (1656-1662), Vol 3 (1662-1667), Vol 4 (1668-1671)
- Index to deeds - grantees Had-Pix 1640-1799, FHL#862801
- Index to deeds - grantors Fos-Nix 1640-1799, FHL#866004

The only source that revealed a direct reference to Daniel Mackwell/Maxwell was David Dobson, *Directory of Scots Banished to the American Plantations, 1650-1775*. This source only noted that he was a passenger aboard the *John and Sara*, and a prisoner of war captured at the Battle of Worcester.¹

¹ David Dobson, *Directory of Scots Banished to the American Plantations, 1650-1775*, (Baltimore: Clearfield Publishing, 2010), 177



Suggestions:

Determining the fate of Daniel Mackwell/Maxwell will be difficult, time consuming, and possibly, without result. Though we cannot find an instance of Daniel Mackwell/Maxwell purchasing land in Suffolk, Middlesex, or Essex Counties, there is still the possibility that he settled in one of these communities. Evidence of Daniel Mackwell/Maxwell may be recorded in town records, which are organized by community. These records track the local events of each town and can sometimes record the movement of individuals. Many are not indexed and require page by page browsing.

Theoretically, we could spend many weeks examining town records in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine for evidence of Daniel Mackwell/Maxwell. To narrow this focus, we suggest browsing town records in the specific communities that some Scots settled in for evidence of Daniel Mackwell/Maxwell. Some Scottish prisoners of war settled at Saugus, Lynn, and Woburn; but, early town records do not exist for these communities. Using scottishprisonersofwar.com, we compiled a list of towns where some Scottish prisoners of war settled.

We suggest examining the following sources for the time period February 1652-1665:

- Wenham Town Records, FHL#878669
- Ipswich Town Records, FHL#878651 Item 1
- Charlestown Town Records, FHL#478190
- Cambridge Town Records, F74.C1.C36 1901
- Billerica Town Records, FHL#901876
- Concord Town Records, FHL#964881, #964882
- Dedham Town Records, FHL#968024 Items 2-4
- Lancaster Town Records, FHL#14771

Finally, some Scots also settled in coastal New Hampshire and Southern Maine. We could examine deeds and court records for the following locations

- Old Norfolk County Deeds, Wills, Inventories F67.N67, #873020
- Old Norfolk County Abstract Deeds, *Essex Antiquarian*, Vol 1, Vol 2, Vol 3, F72.E7.E4
- Index to the New Hampshire Province Probate and Deeds volumes, F42.R7.R75
- Index to the New Hampshire Province Court Records, F33.N459
- York County Deeds, F18.Y62
- Maine: Early Wills and Deeds, 1640-1760, Americanancestors.org
- New Hampshire Town Records Surname Index, F33.N457