

**HINGHAM, 1649**  
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**SAMUEL LINCOLN**  
**ABRAHAM'S FIRST "AMERICAN" ANCESTOR**

Born in Hingham, England on August 24, 1622, Samuel Lincoln emigrated to Hingham, Massachusetts aboard the *John & Dorothy* in 1637. Lincoln is credited with helping to build Hingham's Old Ship Church, the oldest meetinghouse in continual ecclesiastical use in the United States.

In 1649, Cornelius Cantelbery deeded his dwelling house together with two acres of land in Hingham, including what is now known as 170 North Street, to Lincoln. The property is located across the street from an impressive statue of Samuel's great, great, great, great grandson, Abraham Lincoln. (Samuel Lincoln's great grandson, John, is Abraham's great grandfather).

At the time the property was deeded to Samuel, Hingham was in Suffolk County. Special thanks to Suffolk County Assistant Register of Deeds Tom Ryan for locating a transcript of the transaction at the Suffolk Registry and for his assistance in obtaining a copy of the original record from the State Archives.

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