

## ILSLEY TAVERN

This liquor license was issued to Paul Ilsley of Newbury on 26 March 1762 and was to expire one year later in 1763. According to family records, the first Ilsley house, built by William, was located on what is now High Road in Newbury, across the street from Little Old Town Hill and the First Settlers Burial Ground. There was an ell on the northeast corner of the house, where Paul and his brother Joseph kept a tavern. In 1758, Joseph was commissioned by Governor Pownal to lead a company of foot soldiers to Lake George in New York. Paul also went along on the journey, and during this time, the tavern was kept by their three sisters, Rebecca, Jerusha and Sarah.

Paul was born in 1738/39, the son of Joseph and Rebecca (Noyes) Ilsley and the Great grandson of William Ilsley the immigrant. He married on 28 May 1761 to Sarah Hopson of Rowley. Their only child, Paul, was born in Rowley on 9 April 1762. After his return from Lake George, Paul was a mate and later the Master of the Schooner Desire, which made trips to the West Indies. Paul sailed from Newbury in February 1763, and was never heard from again.

This family is an ongoing project (and a challenge) for me, and I would be very interested to hear from other descendants who would like to compare and exchange information on the Newbury Ilsleys.

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