

## SALEM WITCH JUDGE at LiNEaGe Restaurant

In Dorchester, Massachusetts, early one morning in October 1697, Sewall visited William Stoughton, former chief justice of the witchcraft court, then acting governor of Massachusetts. Arriving at Stoughton's Dorchester farm, Sewall observed the governor "carting ears of corn" from his upper barn. Stoughton served a breakfast of fresh venison and hot "chokolatte." Relishing the local meat and the warm drink imported from far away, Sewall said to his host, "Massachusetts and Mexico meet at Your Honor's table."

In April 1689 Samuel Sewall dined with the Reverend Increase Mather in Cambridge, England. Their innkeeper served a boiled leg of mutton, "colly-flowers," and "carrots, roast fowls, and a dish of peas."

Sewall often enjoyed plum cakes, a pastry of stewed plums. His favorite place on earth was Plum Island, on Massachusetts' North Shore, although the place name may not derive from the fruit. Sewall, who often wondered if "America may not be the seat of the New Jerusalem," argued in his 1697 essay on Revelation, *Phaenomena quaedam Apocalyptica*, that the Second Coming of Jesus Christ was likely to occur on or near Plum Island.

Meat pasties contained meat and savory herbs. On November 23, 1688, en route to England aboard *The America*, Samuel drank a glass of Madiera wine and "ate my wife's pasty, the remembrance of whom is ready to cut me to the heart."

Sewall arrived in Maine on August 4, 1717, with a party of Englishmen seeking a treaty with Native Americans. He stepped ashore on an island in Casco Bay and "desired the gentlemen" with him, including Governor Samuel Shute, "to take notice and bear witness that as attorney to the honorable Company for Propagating the Gospel in New England... I did enter upon and take possession of that island in the name and on the behalf of the company." He ate "very good gooseberries and raspberries gathered there."

On November 2, 1720, during the famous courtship after the death of his second wife, Samuel Sewall brought Madame Winthrop of Boston a gift of half a pound of expensive sugared almonds. "She seemed pleased with them," he observed, and "asked what they cost."

Sewall often mentioned enjoying syllabub and sackposset, thick drinks or custards made of sweet cream and sherry or wine that can also include milk, lemon, or lime.