

## Dr. Robert Southgate (1741-1833) of Leicester

Later moved to Scarborough, Maine.

1770 September 14 (Friday). Just after Midnight, in Rain and very Dark came Mr. Thomas *Earl* from *Leicester*, with the sorrowful Message that my sons Child was dead. It dyed about the Time I received the Letter foresaid. About 11 a.m. I sat out in the Rain with Mr. Earl -- and dined at Mr. *Sumners*. Arrived before Night at my son *Alexanders* full of sorrow. The Child was nigh 18 months old. May God Sanctify the holy Dispensation to them and me! I was concerned about my Engagement with Mr. Fish to preach at Upton next Sabbath. Sent for Mr. *Conklin*, who came to me, and he soon, kindly engaged to go in my stead. The Neighbours there very Compassionate -- especially Dr. Robert Southgate. I lodged at my Sons.

1770 September 17 (Monday). Dr. *Southgate* came to me and accompanied me to Brookfield. We dined at Mr. Forbes's, who was gone to *Conway*.

1771 March 16 (Saturday). Brother Brown goes to Leicester intending to assist, or join with *Alexander* in buying Dr. *Southgates* place. Has, I Suppose, money with him for the first payment.