

# WHAT'S IN A NAME? THE MAN BEHIND 'BROOKLINE'

## DESPERATELY SEEKING SEWALL



*Sam Sewall*

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**AS CHEF JEREMY SEWALL** roamed the Coolidge Corner neighborhood where he was considering establishing a restaurant, events took an odd turn. As if passing a series of mirrors that reflected his name, he drove down Sewall Avenue, then passed Samuel Sewall Inn.

In high school he had read the name "Samuel Sewall" in Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*. Curious about the character with the same last name, he had discovered he was related to the real-life man—a judge during the Salem witch trials.

But none of this could explain why the name surrounded him in Brookline. He called his wife, Lisa, who found through the town's website that Samuel Sewall had once owned land here.

Jeremy asked, "How are we going to work the family lineage into the name [of the restaurant]?"

"We're going to name it Lineage," she said.

Sitting at the bar of Lineage today on the south block of Harvard Street, Jeremy Sewall is still awed. "It was all a coincidence. The stars aligned just right," he said.

