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English-American locksmith and printer credited with printing the first product of a North American printing press, *The Freeman's Oath* (1639), a broadside of which no known copy exists. The press, set up in Cambridge, Massachusetts, belonged to the widow of Rev. Jose Glover, who had died on the journey to the colonies from England. Daye was entrusted with the working of the press from which he and his son Matthew produced 1,700 copies (only 11 survived) of the first book printed in the colonies, *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, commonly known as the *Bay Psalm Book*, in 1640.