

## FIRST GENERATION.

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1. **Thomas' Goldthwaite**, ancestor of all of this name in America, was born in England, not far from 1610. His place of birth is unknown, but he was without doubt a descendant of some branch of the Kirkby Malzeard family whose original home was in what is now Gowthwaite in that parish, three miles from Pateley Bridge, Yorkshire, West Riding. As he brought to New England that form of his name which was found about that period in the southern part of the county, it seems probable that his family was from that part of Yorkshire, and, for reasons that will be given, that he himself had, before the emigration to America, removed still farther south into the adjoining county of Lincolnshire. His christian name, Thomas, was a very common one in the English family. Out of forty-six persons whom I have found bearing some form of the name Goldthwaite in early records in England, fifteen, or about one-third, were called Thomas, while there were seven each called William and Robert, and six called John. Thomas Goldthwaite came to New England, there is good reason to believe, in the fleet with Governor Winthrop, which reached here in the summer of 1630, but his first appearance in the records was not till a year from that time, when at a Court holden at Boston, June 14, 1631,

“It is ordered that M<sup>r</sup> Pelham shall pay unto Tho: Goylthayt the some of v<sup>l</sup> (whereof 5 nobles\* is already pd) w<sup>ch</sup> the court hath awarded him to pay, to make good a covenant betwixte them.” (Mass. Col. Rec.)

“Mr. Pelham” could only have been William Pelham, afterwards of Sudbury, who with Gov. Winthrop's son Henry

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\* A noble was 6s, 8d.