

ate descendants, four family homesteads lay side by side on the original Goldthwaite farm, opposite the present site of Peabody church ; first, on the corner of the road now called Foster street, being that of Samuel, Jr.; next west, across Goldthwaite's Brook, that of Ezekiel; then that of Samuel Sen. (afterwards Nathaniel's), and last, the homestead of John King, the husband of Elizabeth Goldthwaite.

WILL & INVENTORY OF SAMUEL GOLDTHWAIT (Essex Co. Prob. Rec. Vol. 312, pp. 457, 8).

In the Name of God amen I Samuel Goldthwaite of Salem in y^e County of Essex in y^e province of Mass^t: Bay in New Eng Cooper being weak in Body but of pfect mind & memory thanks to God — first calling to mind y^e mortality of my Body & knowing It is appointed for all men once to Dye Doe make & Ordaine this my Last Will & Testament.

Imprimis. I Give & recomend my Soul Into y^e hands of God that gave itt & my Body I Comend to y^e Earth to be Decently buried att y^e Discretion of my Executors In hopes of a Blessed Resurrection and as touching Such Worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased y^e Lord to bless mee In this Life I Give Devise & Dispose of y^e Same In y^e following Manner.

first I Give to my beloved wife Elizabeth y^e Improvem^t of my whole estate If shee outlives mee during her widowhood ; but if shee shall marry againe then my Will is y^t shee shall have only her thirds as the law Directs.

Item I give to my Eldest son Sam^l five acres in my homestead.

Item I give to my two Sons Ezekiel & John 4 acres apeice to be measured out of homefeild & whereas I have already given to my son Ezekiel y^e bottom or peice of Low Land Lyeing between my Orchard & his Barrs my Will is y^t shall be a part of his four acres & also y^t Land which I have given him a deed of.

I give to my Son Nathan^l my House & Orchard & six acres in my homefeild y^e Orchard to be part of y^e 6 acres & also five acres in y^e Northfeild according to y^e bounds by which I have enjoyed.

Item I Give to my Son Samuel & my son Ezekiel y^e Stream or brook y^t runs thro my Land equally between them to make y^e best Improvem^t of it as they shall see goodly.

I Give my right of Comons equally to my three sons Sam^l, Ezekiel, & Nathaniel and further my Will is y^t if my homestead fall short when it comes to be measured out y^t every one of my Sons to bare an equall share in y^e loss. If it be more y^e overplus to be equally divided between them.

Item I give unto my wife all my moveable estate after my funerall charges are paid for Comfortable Support and what shall be Left after y^e Decease