

of Salem, is in possession of his descendants. He was by trade a mason. He made provision for his children by deeds given in his lifetime, leaving no will. To his two daughters, Hannah Goldthwait and Hester Case he gave March 1, 1759, a year before his death, his dwelling-house and barn with land adjoining, and in this they lived till their death, when it passed to the family of their brother David. The homestead was situated in what is now the center of Peabody, on the south side of the town square. Ezekiel's brother Nathaniel lived on the west, and his brother Samuel on the east, Goldthwaite's Brook separating his land from that of Samuel. He lived to be past 87 years of age, and died in 1761, administration on his estate being granted to his son, David, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> of that year. The following testimony given by Ezekiel near the close of his life is of interest :

July 26, 1760, " Ezekiel Goldthwait about 86 years of age declares that he for more than 70 years hath well known and been used to the old road which now leadeth through part of Salem by Samuel Aborn's house and the pound near it into the country road (now mostly used) and leading from Danvers to Lynn; that said old road ever since he knew it till about 30 years past, was used and by him understood to be a highway, and further when said Ezekiel was a boy and to the best of his remembrance when he was six or seven years old he went to school to a schoolmistress at a house on said old road, and then it was used as a public road as he understood."

Children, first four bapt. Salem 1<sup>st</sup> church, youngest at So. Danvers :

- 30 ESTHER<sup>d</sup>, b. abt. 1697; m. Sept. 14, 1737, John Case; no children, probably.
- 31 HANNAH, b. abt. 1700; unmarried; d. 1778.
- 32 + SAMUEL, b. abt. 1703; m. Sarah Reed.
- 33 + EZEKIEL, b. abt. 1706; m. Eunice Cutler.
- 34 + JOSEPH, b. 1709; m. Mary Batters.
- 35 + DAVID, b. 1712; m. Sarah Batters.

Salem Essex Co. Dec<sup>m</sup> : y<sup>e</sup> 16 : 1717 Then Daniel Southerick and Sam<sup>l</sup> Aborn y<sup>e</sup> : two deponents aforesaid personally appeared and made Oath To y<sup>e</sup> : truth of y<sup>e</sup> foregoing testimony to which Thair names are affixt only y<sup>e</sup> Said Southwick took it (form A Quakers) taken ad perpetuam Rei memoriam. Coram John Higginson Jus<sup>t</sup> : peace & coram Stephen Sewall Jus<sup>t</sup> : Peace." (Essex Deeds, Vol. 32, p. 254)