

a man of much business enterprise, a merchant, and owner of vessels engaged in fishing and other trade.* He first appears in the South Danvers parish tax list in 1733, when he must have been 21 years old, continuing to be found there till 1753, after which there is an interval of four or five years' absence, and he again appears in 1757, continuing till 1779, when "heirs of David Goldthwaite" takes the place of his name, showing that he died in 1778. His absence, 1753 to 1757, is explained in a deed of March 26, 1754, where he calls himself "of Point Sherly in the county of Suffolk, trader or shoreman." It was in 1753 that his cousins, Ezekiel, Esq., of Boston, and Thomas (afterwards of Fort Pownal, but then living in Chelsea) with six others, having purchased, as they say, land at Pullin Point, Chelsea (Point Shirley), for carrying on a fishery, petitioned the town of Boston for the lease of Deer Island, lying near, which was granted them for

* Some few of David Goldthwaite's papers, now in possession of his great-great-granddaughter, Mrs. Pulsifer of Salem, serve to give an idea of the nature and extent of his business. Many similar records for other years have been lost.

Oct. 9, 1747, he obtained insurance of £200, old tenor, on the Schooner *Adventure*, for a voyage to the fishing banks and back to Salem, the insurers being Edw. Swan, Ezekiel Goldthwait (of Boston, his cousin), Capt Wm. Tapley.

Nov. 18, 1749, Joseph Grant, Jr., insured for him for £1,000, old tenor, the Sloop *Endeavor*, Edward Tucker, master, on a voyage from Maryland to Salem.

Oct. 5, 1749, he insured for £1,200, old tenor, the Schooner *Endeavor* from Jamaica to Salem, Andrew Tucker, master; insured by John Gooch, Joseph Dowse, Will Boyden, Joshua Winslow. The following entries by him in an almanac of 1755, record fishing voyages in which he was interested, this being one of the years of his residence at Point Shirley:

"S. Hynes sailed 17th the month (March). Robt. Slyme entered into service the 13th do."

"Capt. Punchard in the *Pearl* Sch., sailed April 17th, 1755, first fare."

"Sam^l Hanes sailed May the 15th for the Second Fair."

"Francis Haines sailed the 28th of April for the first fare."

David Goldthwait's name appears as one of the partners in the Land Bank, 1740. (See Gen. Reg., April, 1896).