

deed from his father, Jan. 21, 1697, a dwelling house and land, the house being one built by his grandfather, Thomas' Goldthwaite, before 1661.* In 1709 and 1711 he received other land from his father, and a considerable number of later land transactions in which he was concerned are found in the records. He owned rights also in New Salem, Mass., which was largely settled from old Salem. In the seating of the meeting house, 1713, "in y^e West Body of Seats are seated in y^e first Jnⁿ Waters: Benj: Very, Sam^l King, Ezek: Goldthrit." "In y^e East Body of y^e Womens seats Belo In ye First seat Abra^m Perce His Wife Jⁿ Waters his Wife Ezek Gold^t his w: Sam^l King his w." Ezekiel Goldthwaite appears in the parish records as collector, assessor, on committee for altering the meeting-house, and as one of the prudential committee. An original order, dated Sept. 3, 1708, appointing Ezekiel Goldthite collector of taxes in the town

* JOSEPH² BOYCE married, June 12, 1667, Sarah, daughter of Jeremiah Meachum. She was living June 30, 1696, when her father's estate was divided. Besides his sons, Joseph, Benjamin, and Jonathan mentioned, as above, in his father's will, he had David, born later, to whom he made a deed of gift Feb. 28, 1707, 8, calling himself Joseph Boyce, Sen., and mentioning also the son Jonathan. Esther Boyce, wife of Ezekiel Goldthwaite, who must have been born as early at least as 1680, was probably a daughter in this family. It is noticeable that she gives her children their family names, Joseph and David, new among Goldthwaites. She was not baptized till May 23, 1722, "at adult age."

* "Affidavits Referring to M^r: Ezek^l: Golthites Possession & Rec^d: on Record Dec. y^e 20: 1717.

The testimonies of Dan^l Southerick Aged 81 years & Sam^l Ebborne Aged Seventy Eight years Both of Salem in y^e County of Essex. These deponents testifie and Say That Ezekiel Golthrite of Salem in y^e County of Essex is in possession of one peice of Land Scituate Lying and Being in Salem aforesaid Bounded as followeth viz: Easterly on y^e highway Southerly on Sam^l: Golthrites Sen^r: Land westward and Northwestward upon Land of Sam^l: Golthrites Sen^r: Land on which Said peice of Land was Erected Built & in Being one Cottage or dwelling place at or Before y^e: year one Thousand Six hundred & Sixty one and was Built and Erected by Thomas Golthrite of Salem aforesaid Cooper dec^d. And further These deponents Say not.

Daniel Southerick
Sam^l Aborn