

## Children : \*

- 50 ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup>, b. Feb. 1, 1705-6; probably unm.; it is a family tradition that when her brother Nathaniel brought home his second wife, a maiden sister, who had been his housekeeper, was a member of the family; this might also have been Abigail, below.
- 51 + NATHANIEL, b. 1707; m. Rebecca Goldthwaite and Mrs. Sarah Girdler.
- 52 ABIGAIL, bapt. at adult age, Feb. 23, 1734-5.
- 53 MARY, b. ———; m. Nov. 23, 1738, John Proctor, 4th. He d. in the Cape Breton expedition, 1745, and seems, from his will, to have left no children. Mary was perhaps the Widow Mary Proctor who m. (int. pub. July 2, 1748) Daniel Marble of Salem.
- 54 + SARAH, b. ———; m. Apr. 27, 1740, John Langford.
- 55 + EBENEZER, b. about 1717; m. Sarah Newman.

**II. Mary<sup>3</sup> Goldthwaite** (*Samuel<sup>P</sup>, Thomas<sup>4</sup>*) born in Salem (date not found), married Dec. 20, 1710, as 2d wife, JOHN NICHOLS† of Topsfield, born there Jan. 14, 1667, son of John and Lydia Nichols. The name of his first wife was Constant ———, by whom he had one son, Edward, who afterwards married his stepmother's sister, Hannah Goldthwaite. John Nichols was a carpenter and built, in 1696, a house yet standing on the edge of Topsfield, where most of his children were born. Its present owner has restored its antique features

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\* There is only negative evidence for placing Abigail, Mary, and Sarah, who appear in Salem records, among the children of Nathaniel, but such evidence is here so strong as to be almost conclusive. There were but two other Goldthwaites in the town who had children born at the same period, viz.: Samuel (m. Mary Thomas) and Ezekiel (m. Esther Boyce); there is no reason to doubt that the names of all the children of these have been preserved in the full records of baptism of their families, as well as in certain deeds of gift, of the nature of wills. As Nathaniel's children, on the contrary, were recorded but in one instance, the ten-years interval between his sons Nathaniel and Ebenezer, seems the only correct place for inserting the above three.

† The ancestor of this family was William Nichols, grandfather of Mary's husband. He was born in England about 1599, had grants of land in Brooksby (now Peabody) in 1638. By his deposition in 1652 he was then living on a farm of some hundreds of acres situated between Ipswich River and Salem line; of this, the land mentioned above was a part. He had one son, John, b. 1640, who m. Lydia and died in 1700.