

28. **Lydia<sup>4</sup> Goldthwaite** (*Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>*), born in Salem and bapt. (1st church) May 14, 1710, married Feb. 10, 1731, 2, **GIDEON FOSTER**, born in Ipswich Oct. 10, 1709, son of Benjamin and Ann Foster (Gen. Reg., Vol. 30, p. 94). He was a mason and lived in a house on the town square, Peabody, on the west corner of what is now Foster street, having bought it of Samuel Goldthwaite, his father-in-law, whose homestead it was. He died suddenly, Oct., 1772, his widow surviving him. The amount of his inventory was £888 10s. 1d., and contains a pew in Mr. Holt's meeting-house, one-half a pew in St. Peter's church in Salem, two carriages (set off to the widow, Lydia, as a "chaise and riding chair"), an eight-day clock, chocolate and scythe mills, etc. The widow's portion contained half the house mentioned above and two acres adjoining, with other land. An old house still standing on the other corner of Foster street was that of their son, Maj.-Gen. Gideon Foster. Children :

78 **LYDIA<sup>5</sup>**, b. May 22, 1733; d. May 23, 1741.

79 **GIDEON**, b. May 23, 1741; d. June 13, 1741.

80 **LYDIA**, b. Apr. 12, 1747; m. Abel Osborn of Danvers, potter.

81 **GIDEON\*** (Major-General), b. Feb. 13, 1748, 9; m. Mercy ———, who d. Sept. 7, 1825, aged 75. He m. 2d, Nov., 1828, at Danvers, Mrs. Mary Tapley. Children (by 1st w.):

1 Gideon<sup>6</sup>, b. Jan. 18, 1774; d. Nov. 18, 1775.

2 Lydia, b. Jan. 13, 1780.

3 Gideon, b. Apr. 23, 1782; m. Aug., 1806, Eliza A. Pierce.

4 John, b. June 2, 1785.

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\* Major-General Gideon Foster was one of the most active and influential citizens of Danvers, as appears from the history of that town. He was four years town clerk, long an active magistrate of the county, and for nine years a member of the state legislature. He was commander of one of the companies of minute-men from Danvers at the battle of Lexington, was actively engaged at the battle of Bunker Hill, and commanded a company in Col. Mansfield's regiment in the army encamped around Boston, "a brave officer and a good soldier." He rendered good service in the militia of the commonwealth; was made colonel in 1792, brigadier-general in 1796, and in 1801 was elected major-general by the legislature. He died Nov. 1, 1845, aged nearly 97 years, and was buried with military honors, being one of the last surviving officers of the Revolution.