

with most of his family. At various times, beginning in 1763, he gave deeds of portions of this farm to his sons, Joseph, Stephen, Ezekiel, Jacob, and Jonathan. I have it on the authority of Mr. Zadock Goldthwaite of Northbridge, now (1896) in his 92d year, that the house he now lives in was the one built by Samuel, who was his great-grandfather, but that this was not his first dwelling in the town, an earlier house, long since torn down, which contained two rooms and had an oven built out of doors, having once stood not far off. The present house has a gambrel roof coming down to the top of the first story, under which are good-sized chambers, one of which was pointed out to me during my visit there as having been the study of Dr. John Crane, first minister of Northbridge, who boarded in the family for a time after his coming, and married one of Samuel's granddaughters. The lower rooms are numerous and commodious, and the whole is in good preservation and most interesting as an old family homestead. The farm, though mostly in Sutton, was remote from the center of that town, and this was the cause of so much inconvenience to Mr. Goldthwaite and his immediate neighbors, that they repeatedly petitioned the General Court that they might be set off to Uxbridge; in this they were for a long time unsuccessful, until in 1780 they were at length joined to Northbridge, which, in the meantime, had been in 1772 formed from Uxbridge. They all attended the Uxbridge church, which Mrs. Goldthwaite\* joined by a letter from the church in Salem, Sept. 7, 1760.

Two large, handsome, and well-preserved slabs of slate mark the graves of Samuel and Sarah Goldthwait in the midst of those of their descendants, in the Northbridge burying-ground. They have these inscriptions :

Mr. Samuel Goldthwait died May 8, 1789, in the 87<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

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\* An error in the church record calls her "*Abigail*, wife of Samuel Goldthwait."