

when seventeen years old, he had joined the troops enlisted for the French and Indian war, his name being on the roll of men in Col. Ichabod Plaisted's Essex County regiment reported as fit for service, under date, Marblehead, Oct. 2, 1755. He served in the campaign of the next year, from March 29th to December 1st, and was in Capt. Andrew Fuller's Company of the same regiment in the expedition against Crown Point, on a roll dated Fort Edward, July 26, 1756, his cousin, Jonathan Goldthwaite, with him. (See Vol. 94, p. 359, Mass. Arch.) It is from this roll that we learn his birthplace, "Volinstown" or Petersham, Mass. (see account of his father). He enlisted in the Revolutionary army at Springfield, Jan. 1, 1777, in Capt. Luke Day's Co., Col. Ichabod Alden's regiment, and after three years was transferred to Capt. McFarland's Invalid Corps at Boston, in which he continued in service. His autograph signature is found on a pay abstract of that Corps, dated July 16, 1781 (Vol. 71, p. 123, Mass. Arch.). Nothing is known of him later; it is supposed, however, that he did not long survive the close of the war.

The business of Thomas was that of a potter, and he learned it of Joseph Southwick, to whom he was apprenticed. His brother William was of the same calling, as were very many others, not only in this family, but generally in the town of South Danvers.\* After his removal to Springfield, he bought land there, Jan. 5, 1763, on the west side of the "Town Street," on which, when sold, there were potters' works standing. His name appears several times in the land records of Springfield, when he and his wife Lois make sale of property belonging to the latter.

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\* An elderly lady in Peabody told me, in 1895, that she had been told by her father, also a potter, that he remembered the time when he could count 33 potters (meaning potters' works) in the town. The pottery made there was called Danvers ware or "Danvers China," and was a common article of export. The occupation was one which could not be carried on in winter, and at that season many of the potters had some other kind of business. At the present time there is but one pottery in the town.