

The will of Dr. Sam. Gedney, made 24 Feb., 1704, proved 29 Nov., 1705, mentions wife Mary, sisters Hannah, Bethia and Deborah, and nephew Bartholomew Corwin; to his wife's brother, Samuel Gookin, he bequeathed his "studded head cane." He appointed as overseers Major Stephen Sewall and cousin William Gedney.

By wife Mary he had only:—

63 Samuel, bapt. 5 July, 1702; d. young. .

40 Ruth (*Eleazer^r John^l*), born in Salem 24 May, 1672, was married, 22 March, 1696-7, to Habakkuk Gardner of Salem, born 25 Oct., 1674, son of Lieut. Thomas and Mary (Porter) Gardner. Mr. Gardner was a mariner, and died 3 Feb., 1732-3. Administration on his estate was granted to his widow, Ruth, 14 Feb., 1732(3), and the estate was divided 17 Jan., 1733(4), between the widow and the two surviving children, Habakkuk Gardner and Ruth Nutting. Mrs. Gardner died 23 Aug., 1737.

The only son surviving, Habakkuk, was a mariner, like his father, and in 1735, purchased of his sister Ruth and her husband, John Nutting of Salem, school-master, her share of their father's homestead.

The children of Habakkuk and Ruth Gardner were:—

64 Ruth, b. 16 March, 1699; m. Mr. John Nutting, 12 Feb., 1719-20. and d. 22 Nov., 1736.

65 Mary, b. 22 June, 1700.

66 Joseph, b. 25 Jan., 1702; d. the August following.

67 Mercy, b. 23 April, 1705; d. 7 Jan., 1732-3.

68 Habakkuk, b. 3 Aug., 1707.

69 Eunice, b. 4 Dec., 1709; d. 29 Aug., 1729.

45 Martha (*Eleazer^r John^l*), born in Salem 29th 2 mo., 1682, was married, 6 Nov., 1712, to Mr. James Ruck of Salem, born 20 May, 1675, son of John and Elizabeth Ruck. Mr. Ruck was a boat builder and resided