

School, and is one of the two named as petitioning, with others, the succeeding Feb. 22d, for the erection of a new meeting-house at the head of Bennet street.* The history of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company shows him on its rolls in 1711 and 1720, as ensign in 1730, and lieutenant in 1732. He appears first in the town records with the title of Captain, Nov. 18, 1741, and continues so to be mentioned till his death.

It is a tradition of the family that in his old age he had a barbecue for his descendants on North Square; it was held under a tent because they were too numerous to assemble in a house. His name is found to-day among descendants of but three of his fourteen children, having become extinct in many of their lines also. He died June 25, 1766, as appears from the *Boston Gazette* of Monday, June 30th: "On Wednesday last departed this life Capt. John Goldthwait of this town, having that day attained to the age of 88 years, 6 months, and on Friday was decently interred." As no gravestone is found for him, he was probably buried in the tomb of his son Ezekiel on Copps Hill.

Children (births from town records, baptisms, 2d church),
by 1st wife :

36 SARAH^d, b. Dec. 18 (bapt. Dec. 21), 1701; d. Oct. 7, 1702.

37 + JOHN, b. May 24 (bapt. May 30), 1703; m. Mercy Thomas and
Widow Susanna (Nichols) Wright,

38 + BENJAMIN, b. Nov. 25 (bapt. Nov. 26), 1704; m. Charity Edwards.

39 + JOSEPH, b. Nov. 11 (bapt. Oct. (?) 13), 1706; m. Martha Lewis.

* John Goldthwaite, though named among the founders of the New North, evidently did not remove from the Old North, the baptisms of his children appearing throughout until 1724 in the records of the latter. Drake, in his History of Boston, speaks of Dr. Cotton Mather's unwillingness to part with his members as preventing their leaving him for this purpose. The new church of 1741-2, corner of North Bennet and Hanover streets, was known as Mr. Samuel Mather's church. Mr. Mather, after being minister for nine years at the Old North, asked dismissal in 1741, then going with thirty men and twice as many women to found this church. After his death in 1785, the building was sold and became the First Universalist.