



79 Chestnut Street, Boston 8, Mass.

### Church Silver by John Coburn

Described in "Old Silver of American Churches" by E. Alfred Jones of London, printed in England for the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, 1913.

Two plain two-handled cups 1762 and 1765.  
Glastonbury Connecticut Congregational Church

Plain baptismal basin 11 1/4 inches in diameter.  
Gifts of Mr. Comfort Starr in Danbury, Connecticut to the Church of Christ (First Congregational) in 1753.

Three plain dishes, 13 1/8 inches in diameter, engraved on the rims with the HANCOCK arms, gifts of Hon. Thomas Hancock Esq. to the Church in Brattle Street Boston 1764. (Three others were by Samuel Minott who was a member of this church).

The donor, Thomas Hancock, b. 1703 was the son of Rev. John Hancock and his wife Elizabeth Clark. He married 1730, Lydia, daughter of the well-known Boston bookseller, Daniel Henschman, in whose bookshop he was employed and eventually succeeded to the business. His wife who gave a pair of silver cups (by Goldsmith Daniel Henschman, the son-in-law of Jacob Hurd) to the First Church in Boston, died in 1777, and he in 1764, leaving his large fortune to his nephew John Hancock, first signer of the Declaration of Independence.