

Notes on

JOHN BLOWERS, BOSTON
Silversmith, pp. 181-182, "HISTORIC
SILVER of the COLONIES and ITS MAKERS"
by Francis Hill Bigelow.

Belonging to the First Parish Church at Beverly in Massachusetts, is a mug (Illus. 107) of the same description but the sides are more in-curved, giving it a slightly bulbous or "bellied" appearance. The mug is inscribed: "The legacy of the Revnd: M^r. Tho: Blowers To the First Church in Beverly dec^d: June the 17th 1729." Rev. Thomas Blowers was the second pastor of the parish. The mug has a hollow handle, and while it bears no maker's mark it was probably made by his son John Blowers (1710-48) of Boston who married Sarah Salter. They were the parents of Sampson Salter Blowers who, with Adams and Quincy, was junior counsel in 1770 in the defence of the British soldiers concerned in the "Boston Massacre," and who, as a loyalist, went to England in 1774 and returned to Boston in 1778; after imprisonment at Boston he went to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he became chief-justice of the supreme court and died Oct. 25, 1842 at the age of 100 years, 7 months, 4 days.