

105. Major Joseph³ Goldthwaite (*Joseph⁴, John³, Samuel², Thomas¹*), of Boston, born there Oct. 5, 1730, married HANNAH BRIDGHAM, said to have been of Barre, Mass. She had a brother, Joseph Bridgham, of Rehoboth.* They had no children; she died during the Revolution, at some time before the date of her husband's will of Feb. 11, 1778.

Joseph Goldthwaite entered the Boston Latin School in 1738, but nothing further as to his earlier life has been found recorded. He probably began the military career, which he afterwards followed, near the commencement of the French and Indian War, when he was about twenty-five years old. He appears as Major in 1759, in the regiment from Boston, under command of Col. John Phillips, and as Major, Jan. 1, 1760, to Jan. 10, 1761, on the roll of field and staff officers in Col. Bagley's regiment, in service at Louisburg, in which he acted also as paymaster, for, Feb. 28, 1760, £1,242 were ordered sent to Maj. Joseph Goldthwait at Louisburg to pay the wages of those soldiers in Col. Bagley's regiment who had continued there during the winter (Council Rec., p. 196). He served during the campaign of 1762 as Lieut.-Colonel of the regiment commanded by Col. Richard Saltonstall, roll dated Boston, Feb. 19, 1763, in which he is called "of Roxbury." This was the highest rank he attained in the Provincial army, and he was addressed at that period as Colonel. When, in 1768, on account of the resistance of the inhabitants to the customs duties imposed by the Crown, British troops began to be quartered in Boston, "Joseph Goldthwait, Jun^r, Esq.," was, on nomination of Gov. Bernard, appointed by the Council, Oct. 5, 1768, their Commissary. From that time he had the title of Major, by which he is now generally known. In the lists of loyalists of a later day, he is set down as a "Crown Officer."†

* Dr. Joseph Bridgham lived in that part of Rehoboth now Seekonk, practiced medicine, and died Dec. 4, 1789, aged 57. Hon. Samuel Bridgham, Mayor of Providence, R. I. (1836), was his son. (History of Rehoboth.)

† Distinction is to be made between titles in the British and in the Provincial army, an officer in the former, according to the rules of the home govern-