

of whom married, leaving numerous descendants. His wife was the eighth child of Benjamin and Abiah (Cooley) Colton, born in Brimfield, Mass., 16 April, 1761.

We have had some difficulty in reconciling her first name, as differently recorded. We found, according to the Longmeadow Centennial Book, that the eighth child of Benjamin and Abiah Colton was *Mary*, while the Wilbraham record of marriage gives it as *Mercy*, and yet again, on a visit recently made to Wilbraham cemetery, we found that her tombstone reads *Marcy*. Mr. G. Woolworth Colton has happily solved the mystery by assuring us that, when he examined the *original Brimfield records of her birth*, he might easily have construed the writing to be *Mary* or *Mercy* or *Marcy*, and in his "Genealogy of George Colton, Quartermaster" (soon to be published), he has decided that it must have really been the name of the tombstone, *Marcy*, or, as modern pronunciation has it, *Mercy*.