THE ELY ANCESTRY.

FOURTH GENERATION.

131. William Ely, oldest son of Captain Richard Ely and Ruhama Thompson, was born at Lyme, Conn., in 1715. He was himself known as Captain, having held that rank in the 3rd Regiment of the Connecticut militia during the French War.

In 1737 he married Elizabeth Perkins, and established himself as a farmer in his native town.

In 1756 he left Lyme, and moved to Livingston, N. J., on the Orange Mountain, where he resided until the time of his death, April 3, 1802.

Children of William Ely and Elizabeth Perkins.

1. William, b. Oct. 6, 1738; d. infancy.
3. Elizabeth, b. June 1, 1741; d. infancy.
4. Abraham, b. March, 1743; d. 1799; m. Mary Demorest.
5. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 20, 1745; d. June 12, 1777; m. 1st, Elihu Halsey; m. 2nd, Frederick Jones.
6. Lois, b. July 5, 1747; d. June 25, 1822; m. 1st, Thomas Parsells; m. 2nd, Thomas Cowperthwaite.
7. Lucy, b. July 7, 1749; d. infancy; m. 1st, Dr. Abijah Perkins; m. 2nd, Ellis Cook.
8. Joseph, b. Apr. 23, 1751; d. infancy; m. Susan Williams.

From the Genealogy of the Perkins Family, we learn in regard to the wife of Capt. William Ely the following:

"155. ELIZABETH (Abraham 64, Isaac 12, John 2, John 1), was born in Chebacco Parish, Ipswich, Mass., December 30, 1715. She married Captain William Ely, Jr., being published September 16, 1737. He was born in Lyme, Conn., Aug. 10, 1715, and died in Livingston, N. J., April 3, 1802. She died May 27, 1782.

"Concerning Elizabeth (Perkins) Ely, one of her grandchildren, Smith Ely, Jr., says: 'She is held in peculiar veneration by her descendants, in consequence of certain traditions which show her to have been a woman of unusual force of character and sterling integrity.' He mentions the following incident showing her conscientiousness in what she