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I dedicate these
Recollections to my son-
in-law, William Dinwiddie,
whose unfailing kindness
has greatly added to my
comfort and happiness
in my declining years.

Mary C. Brooke.

Metuchen, New Jersey,
February 23^d, 1916.

INTRODUCTION

I HAVE just entered my eighty-fourth year, as I finish these Recollections of some of the customs and events of and since my childhood, which I have recorded at the request of my children.

In doing this, I have also recalled what my father has told me of the manner of living of a generation earlier than my own.

M. C. B.

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CHAPTER I

CHILDHOOD

I WAS born in the township of Chatham, Columbia County, New York, on the 23d of February, 1833.

My father, John Coffin, and my mother, Clarissa Finch, both of Chatham, were married in 1828, when he was not quite twenty-one, and she only nineteen years of age.

He always maintained that early marriages had their advantages, that people more readily adapted themselves to each other's peculiarities than than they did later in life.

Father and his elder brother, Matthew, worked their father's farm in partnership, so mother went to live at Grandfather Coffin's, where already Uncle Matthew and his wife and child were living; making, practically, three families under one roof, for father's younger brother, Uncle Reuben, and my young aunts, Maria and Eliza, were all at home.