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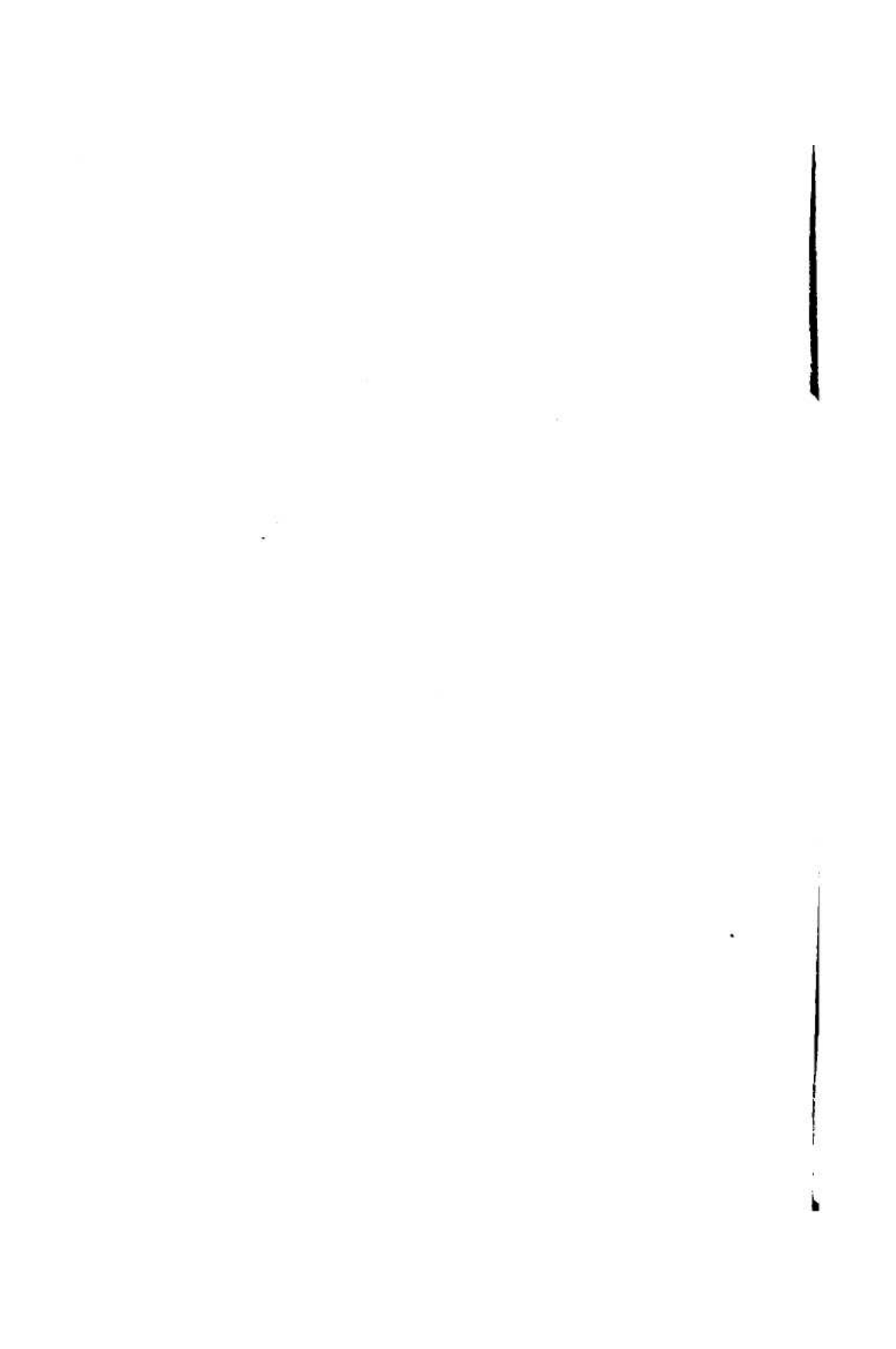
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BIRTH AND ANCESTRY.

FRANCIS PARKMAN, eldest son of the Rev. Francis (H. C. 1807) and Caroline (Hall) Parkman, was born in Boston, Massachusetts, 16 September, 1823.

He was a lineal descendant, both on his father's and on his mother's side, of ancestors resident in the Colonies both of The Massachusetts Bay and of Plymouth prior to their union in 1692, and thus amply fulfilled one of the requisites for admission to The Colonial Society of Massachusetts.¹ His earliest American ancestor in the paternal line, Elias Parkman, was living at Dorchester, Massachusetts, as early as 1633; while a progenitor on his mother's side, John Cotton of Plymouth (as he was called, to distinguish him from his father, John Cotton of Boston), was pastor of the church in that town, to which he removed with his family in November, 1667; and his son Rowland, from whom Parkman was descended, was born in Plymouth in December of the same year.²

Mr. Parkman's descent in the paternal line, through eight generations, is as follows:—

1. THOMAS PARKMAN, of Sidmouth, Devon, England.
2. ELIAS PARKMAN, born in England, settled in Dorchester, Mass., 1633, married BRIDGET —.
3. ELIAS, b. in Dorchester, Mass., 1635, m. SARAH TRASK of Salem.

¹ See By-Laws, chap. ii. art. 1.

² Sibley's Harvard Graduates, i. 496 *et seq.*; iii. 323 *et seq.*