

will be found, in brackets, the descent of the individual from William¹, the number above the right of each name indicating the generation to which he belonged. The children in each family are given in *small type* and are numbered. If these children died unmarried or without issue the name does not again appear, while if they married and left issue it will re-appear under the same number but in large type and in its numerical order, but perhaps a number of pages further on in the book. Thus, on page 74 will be found the name of Beals Thomas in large type (No. 72). Following the biographical sketch will be found the number and names of his several children. Nancy Bigelow Thomas and Edwin Egery Thomas not having married and left issue, their names do not again appear; while the others, having had children, each will again be found in the next generation, under the same number, in large type. Should it be desired to trace back Beals Thomas to his parents, by turning to No. 74 in small type his name will be found, with those of his brothers and sisters, following a sketch of his parents.

The labor of collecting and arranging the material for this work has been pre-eminently a labor of love. No discoverer of a new continent ever pursued his explorations with greater interest than has been experienced by the compiler in the prosecution of his self-imposed task. Every newly discovered family, name, or fact, has only added to his interest in the work and stimulated him to further efforts toward the accomplishment of his purpose. Had all to whom application has been made for information felt an equal interest, the record would have been more complete and the biographical sketches more full. Over 1100 names have been collected and recorded in this volume; yet this large number probably does not include