

PREFACE.

An ancestry of sound-bodied, clear-minded, Christian men and women is hardly to be overvalued, and of such calibre were the ancestors of this family. While great satisfaction is found in studying family history, few lines of research tend more to a realization of that little suspected truth, the cousinship of men. The distinction must not be lost between the customary genealogy of one surname, which omits all mention of female branches and is therefore very inadequate as a history of any person, and an ancestral genealogy in which the female equally with the male branches are given careful research and extension, as in the following pages.

The numerical increase of ancestors is surprising, for ten generations include over one thousand ancestors for each living person.

Public and Bible records, manuscripts, and approved genealogical works are the sources of all statements made. The system pursued needs little explanation, the numbers being simply for reference.

Those who have supplied material, and who have allowed me access to private libraries and records, I thank, and express my high appreciation of their kindnesses.

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