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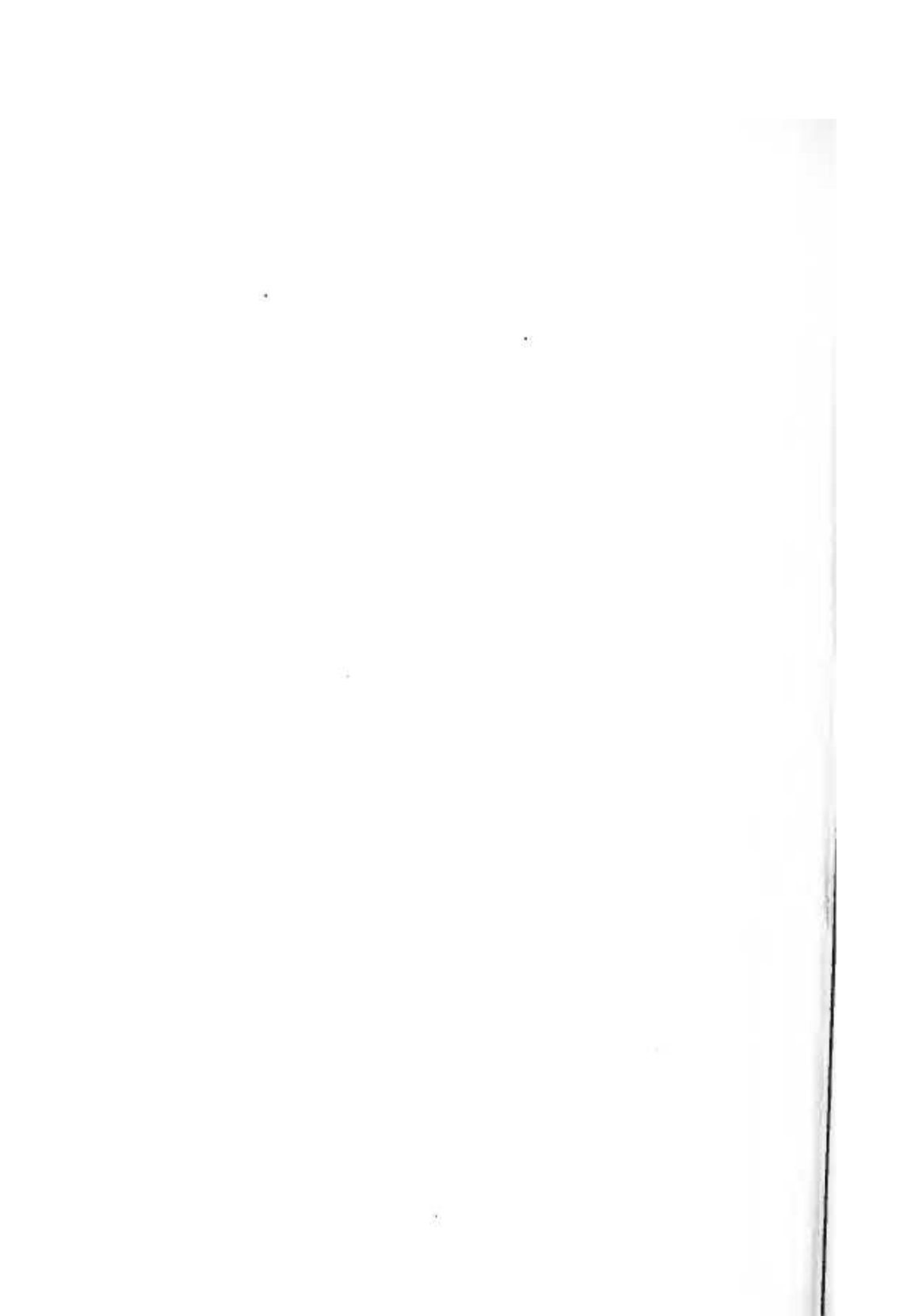
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DEDICATION.

TO MY WIFE, HATTIE M. NOYES, WHO,
FROM CHILDHOOD TO AGE, THROUGH
SUNSHINE AND STORM, PROSPERITY
AND ADVERSITY, WAS AS DEPENDABLE
AS THE "ROCK OF AGES," I DEDICATE
THIS LITTLE STORY OF THE RANCH
AND MINE.

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F O R E W O R D

This is a little story of the life of an ordinary man. It is not a story of success from a financial standpoint, nor, may it be considered a success from any standpoint. Whatever it may be to others I shall not conjecture. To my children and friends, for whom it was written, it will portray the deep feeling of affection of a sensitive nature.

This little story gives some of the history of the beautiful Big Hole Basin and will, no doubt, be of interest to those who may—in fifty or one hundred years—call the place their home. When it was begun I did not know that it was to have been the first autobiography ever published in Montana. For that reason, if for no other, it will have a distinct historic value.

Anyone who places himself before the public is laying himself open to criticism. I shall not make any special plea to the reader to be kind as that would be folly.

AJAX.

