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GOVERNOR JAMES GARRARD.



ELIZABETH MOUNTJOY GARRARD.

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TO

LOUIS DES COGNETS,

MY ONLY CHILD,

THIS WORK IS LOVINGLY INSCRIBED.

PREFACE.

The desire to learn more of my Garrard ancestors gave me the starting point in beginning this work. I could not, at the beginning, anticipate the difficulties and obstacles quite insurmountable which awaited me in my efforts to bring to light the history and family traditions which had been so long neglected and almost forgotten. Disappointments came at every turn. The older generation have all passed away, and those now living can recall but little derived from their parents.

When investigation in Virginia was begun, and I learned that the Stafford county records, at the very period in which my search would be directed, were all destroyed during the Civil war, my discouragement was so great that I almost gave up my difficult task. I concluded, however, that it would be better to collect all that could be obtained, and preserve it, than to let all be obliterated by the hand of time.

I have made searching investigations in Virginia where the first American ancestor settled, and also in England, hoping to find something of the French Huguenot ancestor. The result has been very disappointing and unsatisfactory, and I am sure my disappointment will be shared by every descendant who feels an interest in this undertaking.

Hundreds of letters have been written in quest of information, many records examined, many Huguenot histories searched, without finding anything direct or reliable. The meagre family traditions are all that can be reached, and guided by them I have collected *fragments* relating to the early family history. These fragments are all that can be given; but, if preserved, they may at some

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future day serve as ground-work for farther research by any who may wish to undertake it.

I have spared neither trouble nor expense in prosecuting my investigations, and every source of information has been exhausted.

It has been very slow and tedious work, and has occupied nearly all my time for more than a year; and I much regret that my satisfaction regarding it is not complete, but hope it will be received as the result of my best efforts to obtain what all so much desire and would value.

I wish here to express my acknowledgments to all who have given me assistance in regard to families and lists of descendants.

To Mr. Paul Oeker, of Paris, France, who so intelligently made a search among the records of London, I must remain under great obligations.

Also, to Dr. John W. Garrard, of Birmingham, Ala., who has kindly furnished data of the Garrards of the Southern states.

Mr. C. L. Bryan, clerk of Stafford county, has been very accommodating, and I am exceedingly obliged to Mr. James Ashby, deputy clerk of Stafford, for his interest and assistance. He visited and examined all the old churchyards in Stafford, including a very old burying ground near Falmouth, hoping to obtain some names or inscriptions for this work.

The pictures given of Governor and Mrs Garrard were taken from portraits painted by Horace Harding, who preceded his brother Chester Harding, as an artist, a number of years. These were copies from the originals painted by St. Leger de Happert, of Philadelphia, in 1800. These originals I have. They are not so well executed as the copies by Harding; the canvas is thin, and shows its age of nearly a hundred years. The picture of John Mountjoy Garrard was taken from a miniature painted on ivory, about 1800, and supposed to be by de Happert. That of Judge Garrard is also from a miniature on ivory, painted, it is thought, in New Orleans, after he became advanced in years.

I may venture to hope that this fragmentary collection

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will prove acceptable to all descendants, and that they may derive some satisfaction, if not pleasure, from these pages compiled by one who here places on record her admiration and affection for her worthy and venerated ancestors, whose names are herein recorded, and whose virtues should be held in lasting remembrance by all their descendants.

ANNA RUSSELL DES COGNETS.

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