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ANGELINE HALL IN MATURE LIFE

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THE BIOGRAPHY OF ANGELINE HALL

By HER SON  
ANGELO HALL

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*TO MY DAUGHTER*  
*PEGGY*





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## PROLOGUE.

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*Dear Peggy:* As I tell you this story of the noble grandmother who, dying long before you were born, would otherwise be to you a picture of the imagination, I am going to let the public listen, for several reasons:

*First.* The public will want to listen, for everybody is interested in true stories of real folks.

*Secondly.* While your grandmother was not the most wonderful woman that ever lived, she was a typical American. Her story possesses the charm and fascination of a romance, for she was a daughter of the pioneers—those ill-fed and ill-clothed people who, in spite of their shortcomings, intellectual, moral, and physical, have been the most forceful race in history.

*Thirdly.* This story vindicates the higher education of women. Your grandmother, dear Peggy, was a Bachelor of Arts. Now it is maintained in some quarters that women become bachelors so as to avoid having children. But your grandmother had four sons, every one of whom she sent through Harvard College.

*Finally.* This story will demonstrate conclusively that college-bred women should not marry young men who earn