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DEDICATION

A spirit of patriotism has characterized the Caperton race since its advent to America, which has been evidenced by a disinterested self-sacrifice and marked by an unhesitating personal courage of conviction and valor of active service eminently creditable. Loyalty to kin has been a salutary rule among them, and the purity of their domestic life is proverbial. They have proved themselves God-fearing in their performance of duty, law-abiding citizens, fair in their dealings, just to their fellow-man, warm in their attachment as friends, and jealous in their just pride of race. This volume is affectionately inscribed as a tribute to their virtues, with the hope expressed that their progeny will always honor their memory by emulating their praiseworthy example.

INTRODUCTION

This volume is compiled primarily for the purpose of perpetuating an accurate account of the death of Adam Caperton, both for the reason of its interest and value as a historical record and because it is desired to preserve for his posterity the facts of the tragedy as derived from authentic sources.

The appreciative thanks of the Caperton family are due Mr. John Hays Caperton, of Louisville, Kentucky, without whose generosity its publication would not now be made possible. Acknowledgment is likewise tendered to Mr. R. C. Ballard Thruston, of the Filson Club of Louisville, and Mr. Edward A. Henry, of the University of Chicago Library, for their personal courtesy in facilitating the researches of the Author.

A Sketch of the Caperton Family is added, representing the concensus of views entertained by Mrs. Margaret Caperton Clanton, of Staunton, Virginia, Mrs. Mary Clay Caperton McBryde, of Anderson, Tennessee, Mr. Hugh Arthur Caperton, of Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. Nannic M. Dobbs, of Fort Payne, Alabama, and the widow of the late Colonel James W. Caperton, of Richmond, Kentucky, based upon knowledge and traditions held by their several collateral branches of the family, which are in entire accord with those of the Author.

The Will of Hugh Caperton of "Elmwood," son of Adam and Elizabeth (Miller) Caperton, is given in full detail, not alone by reason of its interesting features as casting light upon the manner of its period, in order that the personality of the testator may thereby be revealed.

It has been deemed advisable to limit the Genealogy *in extenso* to the descendants of Hugh Caperton

of "Elmwood," youngest son of Adam and Elizabeth (Miller) Caperton, exclusive of the sixth generation of Capertons in America, owing to the prolific ramifications of the Caperton Family, which would make their inclusion inexpedient, and the additional fact that this publication is being issued for private circulation. The co-operation of his kin in this work has proved most gratifying to the Author, who has used every possible care to present a creditable volume free from any slightest error.

WILLIAM A. GORDON, JR.

Georgetown, D. C., June, 1918.

[AUTHOR'S NOTE: The Author is the oldest son of Harriette Echols Caperton (Gordon), and therefore a grandson of Allen Taylor Caperton, son of Hugh Caperton of "Elmwood." He has himself lived at "Elmwood" and visited all the Caperton "Places" and family homes mentioned, having spent many seasons in "Old Monroe" and its contiguous territory, with which he is thoroughly familiar. His personal acquaintance with members of the Caperton Family is wide-reaching in extent; and, in addition to having known in the flesh many of whom he now writes, a correspondence covering a period of twenty-five years has kept him in intimate touch with both his own and the several collateral branches of the Caperton Family, and afforded him a vast fund of authentic information which allows him to make definite statements with authority.]