BOYHOOD REMINISCENCES: PICTURES OF NEW ENGLAND LIFE IN THE OLDEN TIMES IN WILLIAMSTOWN

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9781760578091

Boyhood reminiscences: pictures of New England life in the olden times in Williamstown by Judge Keyes Danforth

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd. Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

JUDGE KEYES DANFORTH

BOYHOOD REMINISCENCES: PICTURES OF NEW ENGLAND LIFE IN THE OLDEN TIMES IN WILLIAMSTOWN





Keyes Danforto

BOYHOOD REMINISCENCES

Pictures of New England Life in the Olden Times in Williamstown . . .

JUDGE KEYES DANFORTH

NEW YORK CAZLAY BROTHERS

35:50 ac

COPYRIGHT KEYES DANFORTH 1895



PREFACE.

When I commenced writing these Reminiscences it was not with any idea of publishing them. But the local editor of the North Adams Transcript, seeing the first article, solicited it for publication and I acquiesced; and a number of the articles have been published in that paper. Some who read them asked me to have the articles republished in book form. They may interest some of the older persons who lived in Williamstown in those olden times and were familiar with the characters, homes, and people described. They may be of interest, also, to some of the graduates of the College.

KEYES DANFORTH.

WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS., June 1, 1895.



CONTENTS.

CHAPTER I.

Buxton and its Early Settlers—A Typical Old-time House—Cider and Applejack—A Trip to the Carding Mill—How Families Were Clothed and Shod—The District School—Getting the Cows, 9

CHAPTER II.

What it Cost to Build a House—Some of the Old Houses and Old Families—Carrying Water and Taking Apples for Pay—Starting a Balky Horse —James Waterman's Legacy—Blessing before Lunch,

CHAPTER III.

Old	Ho	mes	itea	d	N	we	All	G	one	-	Sot	ne	W	ell	Re-
m	embe	rec	1	eo	ple	of	th	e (Old	I)ay	s-	A	No	ted
H	orse	bac	k I	Rid	er	and	H	ou.	· 1	le.	Fo	ole	1 1	he S	Stu-
de	nts-	-E	ben	eze	r	Pra	tt's	P	aris	h-	-A	R	em:	arks	ble
T	ext.														2.4

CHAPTER IV.

A Farmer Who Attended School,	Went	into	Busi-
ness and Got Rich-What He	Told	His	Boys
When They Hunted for His Po	ts of C	old-	-How
Liquor was Obtained from a T	empera	ince :	Store-
keeper-A Memorable Quilting	Party,		. 31

CHAPTER V.

Λn	Old-fashioned	Hired	Mai	n-P	rince	Jac	ckso	n's
H	appy Life-Far	m Cro	ps th	e Pr	incipa	d N	Iedi	um
of	Exchange-F	ew M	oney	Len	ders	in	Th	ose
D	ays-Social Equ	ality—	-Hus	king.	and P	arin	g B	ees
-	-Spelling Contes	sts						36

CHAPTER VI.

Something	in the	Line of	Gen	ealogy	-Th	e D	an-
forth Fa	mily Old	and H	onore	d—Fo	unded	in	this
Country	in 1634-	-Intere	sting	Frage	ments	of	the
Family 1	History-	-Impor	tant	Positio	ns H	eld	by
Various	Members	-Som	e Pre	ached	and	Oth	iers
Practised						33.	11

CHAPTER VII.

Another Chapter Abou	t Ances	tors-Th	e Dani	forth
Family Came to Wi	liarastow	n in 177	5—Jas	hua,
the First Postmaster	of Pittsf	ield, was	Appoi	nted
by President Washin	gton in 1	794.		51