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to the Present Time, with some Account
of the Family in England :: :: ::

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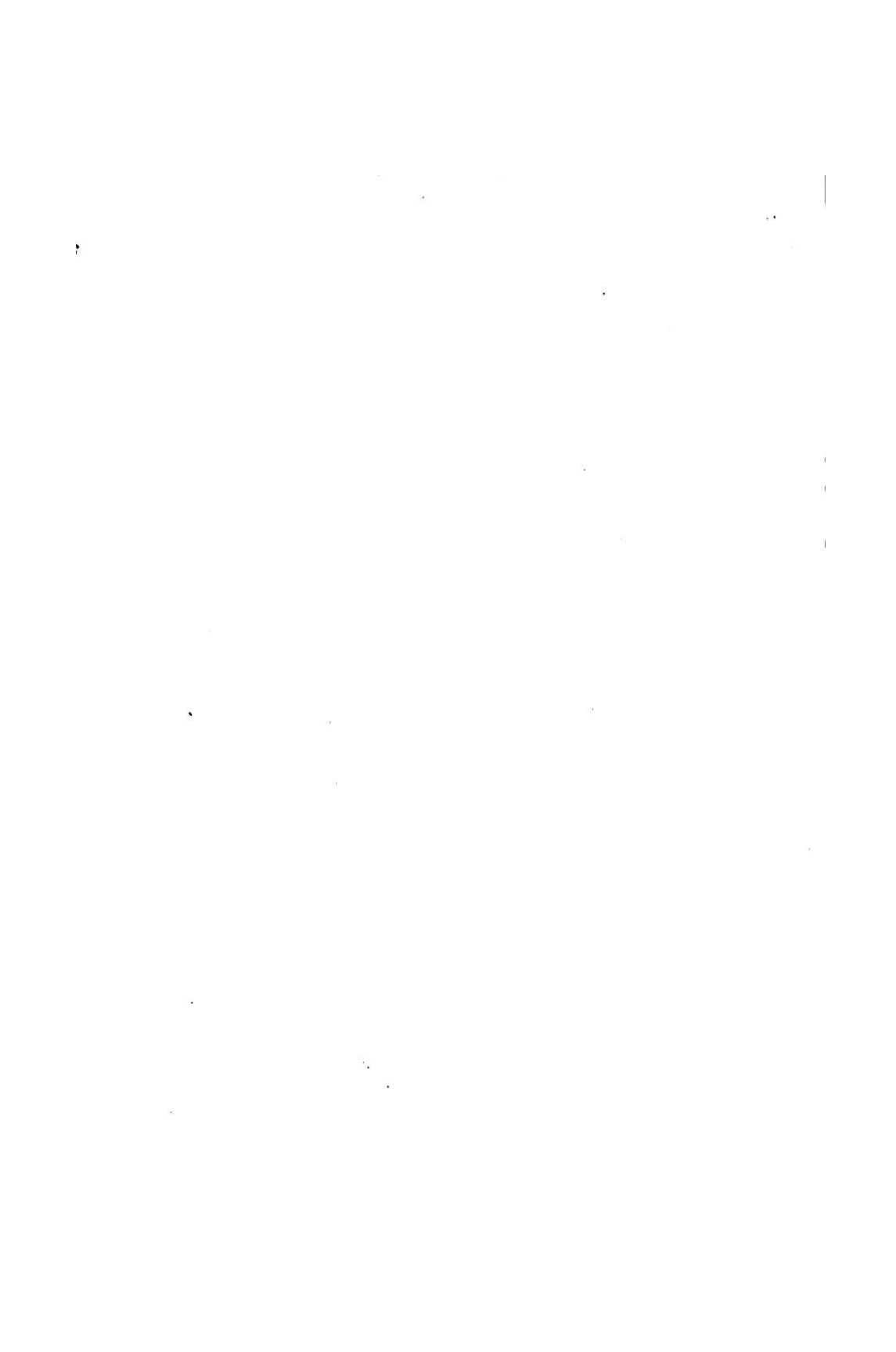
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TO MY LITTLE SON, JOSEPH KENMUIR FICKLIN,
AND HIS COUSINS, WHO MAY SOME DAY BE IN
QUEST OF SUCH INFORMATION AS THAT
HEREIN CONTAINED, THIS BOOK IS
AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED.



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PREFACE.

Eleven years ago, the writer, actuated by curiosity, began to inquire concerning his Ficklin antecedents. In a short time the research became to him a most absorbing and fascinating pastime, though for the first few years his labors resulted in a scant collection of disconnected data concerning late generations together with a few facts and more fiction concerning the older ones. About that time the task of getting together anything like a complete history of the family, showing the connection between the first immigrant and the present generation of all branches, appeared to be a hopeless task and was so regarded by others. The condition of public records, described elsewhere, together with the fact that but one very brief account of the family existed and that applying almost exclusively to one branch, appeared to preclude success.

It occurred to the writer that some one should, without delay, collect up such information as was still available, for with the lapse of time and the passing of the older generations, unrecorded family history is lost or incorrectly handed down. The information this volume contains, meagre as it is, perhaps might never be again assembled, even though some kinsman in a future generation may be disposed to assume the task.

The writer has been asked to explain in this publication his methods of research. As this would require considerable space, any reader who may be contemplating such work is urged to consult Henry R. Stiles' "Hand-book of Practical Suggestions for the Use of Students in Genealogy," published by Joel Munsell's Sons, Albany, N. Y. The writer's experience differs little from that of thousands of others engaged in similar work. Had he known of Mr. Stiles' book in time, it would have saved him much trouble and expense, for it is all that its title suggests.

In order to get facts, each clew was followed persistently, for years if necessary, till it yielded its fruit or vanished into nothingness. These clews led along very devious paths. By means of considerable advertising and a voluminous correspondence, the material in this book was gathered, bit by bit, from the following sources: members of the family still living, old letters or manuscripts, family Bibles, epitaphs, church registers, newspaper clippings, town, county and state histories, records of allied families, genealogical publications, census returns, wills, deeds, marriage records, records of court proceedings, and archives in the colonial land offices, the Pension office, and U. S. War Department.

Most unfortunately the older county records in Virginia, consisting of wills, deeds, etc., are in a deplorable state. Those which escaped the depre-