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WITH ITS PRESENT POPULATION, NUMBER

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## PREFACE.



So brief a title can only indicate the contents of the work in the gross, or aggregation; but it may be said it was prepared at the request of many worthy persons, that in as brief and cheap a form as possible (accessible to all) the history of the first settlers in an unbroken wilderness, their toils, privations and hardships, with their names, might be handed down to posterity; also amusing anecdotes, humor and wit of early times.

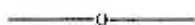
With other things, it gives the date and organization of the several churches, and erection of their houses of worship, cost, seating capacity, &c.; number of school districts, aggregate value of school houses, number of scholars, and average attendance at school; number of square miles within the town boundary; number of acres of land, assessed value; names of owners of tracts of land, called patents, &c., &c.

In short, a great amount of valuable and interesting information in small compass. Unlike gazetteers, which are "made to sell," and the contents of which are usually drawn from the imperfect and treacherous memory of the "oldest inhabitant," facts have been gathered from the *best* and *all* available sources. Recollections and statements of the "oldest inhabitants" have not only been compared with each other, but with written memoranda, and been digested, criticised and sifted till the facts alone were left.

Family records and papers, title deeds, conveyances, and all available papers bearing on the subject, have been examined. Records in the clerks offices of Worcester and Maryland; also, records in the clerks offices in Tryon, Montgomery and Otsego counties have been carefully searched and examined, and some papers relating to the old town of Worcester, never in the clerk's office, but found among the papers of the first Supervisor; the "Annals of Tryon County," by Judge W. W. Campbell, a sufferer in the massacre of Cherry Valley; and all books, charts and maps bearing on the matter have been examined, and the utmost care and pains taken to make the work correct and reliable. Yet, should any material error be detected, before all landmarks are removed by death, and be pointed out, the discoverer will receive the thanks of

THE AUTHOR.

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## CHAPTER I.

### ERECTION OF THE TOWN OF MARYLAND.

Otsego county was erected from Montgomery February 16th, 1791, and had two towns—Otsego and Cherry Valley. The town of Worcester was formed from Cherry Valley March 3d, 1797, and Westford, Decatur, and Maryland, were taken from Worcester and formed into towns March 25th, 1808.

The close observing reader will notice that while this work purports to be the first settlement of the town of Maryland, and gives the names of first settlers, that those persons actually settled in the town of Cherry Valley, and after a residence in that town, and in the county of Montgomery one year, they became residents of Otsego county, but still were residents of the town of Cherry Valley six years longer. They then, in 1797, became residents of the town of Worcester, and so continued to be eleven years longer.

There were earlier settlers in Cherry Valley, and earlier settlers in that part of the town now called Worcester; but as this work was intended to treat, and that briefly, of Maryland, it was thought it would be better understood by the mass of readers, and to make less confusion if the settlers were placed under the name

of the town, which was given afterwards to the place where they settled.

As the forest was gradually felled, more settlers came in, the subject of a division of the town, to lessen the traveling distance of many voters, sprang up, was discussed, and in time produced considerable agitation. To halve it, divide east and west, or north and south, did not please all the people as nearly as it did to quarter it; yet the population was so sparse the latter division seemed objectionable. But time wore along, population increased, and in 1808 the people agreed the town should be divided into four parts. But names for each division now came up, and produced considerable agitation. The Creator, according to the best of His wisdom, saw fit to number the days and months, but the gods who came after him, called heathen, desired names for each, and their followers, agreeing with them, gave each the name of a god. Each division, probably, had no heathen god to name after, yet they might have had idols, pets, or hobbies. At any rate the people were descendants of English ancestors, and it will be seen they gave each division a name which is to this day familiar to many of their cousins across the water.

It has been reported one white man, a Tory, was in the new town of Maryland at the time of the Revolutionary War. It may have been so, for Indians were there in 1776 and before, and a white man might have been with them; but, if such is a fact, the writer would like to find some evidence of it, and more especially if he struck any blows towards a settlement. It is certain white men were there during the war, but they were the