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Captain Leighton came to this country from England in 1650, and settled at Kittery, York County, Province of Maine, the oldest town in the State of Maine. During the last two years, material has been collected from Town and County Records and from ten States, comprising the genealogy of all the descendants of this distinguished ancestor, and has been carefully arranged for the press, with a short historical sketch of the Town of Kittery from its settlement in 1623, to 1775, and a reference to other early settlements in the State of Maine.

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PREFACE.

The author and compiler of this volume has been deeply interested in the memorials and records of this family. Having had occasion to travel extensively, he has found the descendants of Captain William Leighton in many states, and occupying positions of usefulness and responsibility, exhibiting the sturdy traits of a worthy stock.

It is due to their progenitor, to their families, and to themselves, that the early and later records of their origin and growth in this country should not be lost. Few, save those who have made a similar venture, are aware of the labor which every page has cost, corrections and renewed corrections have been made again and again and although many who have been applied to, have been able to respond and have been prompt and cheerful in supplying information, yet it has not always been possible to obtain the data sought. Under these circumstances, it will prove no wonder if there be complaint of errors, inaccuracies and omissions. The Leighton family have no reason to be ashamed of their ancestor, so enterprising, persevering and laborious; nor of his successors so industrious and patriotic. These records are a small tribute to their worth. The entire record is a fair example of the sturdy stock who peopled New England in the seventeenth century, bringing with them the principles of political and religious liberty, which they matured and developed and transmitted to their children.

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

The plan on which this genealogy is based, consists in a division into groups or families; the head of each group being under his designating number which is printed in the middle of the page thus, — 20 —. The biography of each head of a family is written without abbreviation, his children and descendants following more concisely worded, except as hereinafter shown. Each group is complete in itself, its genealogy comprising all between the above mentioned designating number, placed in the middle of the page, and the next similar number which in turn stands as a heading to a new group or family branch. It occasionally happens that an individual in a group has a larger progeny than can be carried out in the place where his name occurs in order. In such cases, only the date of his birth, marriage and death are there given and the sign of + is placed against the name, showing that such an individual is the head of a family, and may be found carried forward to a succeeding page under his designating number. After the Fifth Generation, there is no carrying forward but the record of each group in lineal descent is completed before the next one is commenced.

To avoid complication, where the family line is carried on in continuous succession from the Fifth Generation downward, generation figures are put against the names, each succeeding generation is indented to the right, and each family of children numbered from 1 upward. The descendants of each of the children in a family are carried down as far as the line will go before the next is taken up; but all of the same generation can be traced down the page, and from page to page, by following the family numbers, 1, 2, 3, etc., in a vertical line, by noting the generation numbers, and by comparing the different indentations of the names. The names, male and female, are all numbered consecutively from the beginning to the end of the book, and in cases where an individual is carried forward, this consecutive number is used for a heading over his name in the place where it is again taken up to give his biography

and descendants. This system renders it easy to trace the line from any given point onward to the present generation, or backward to the original ancestor. This consecutive number is also made use of in intermarriages, and other cases where a name is mentioned out of genealogical order; the designating number being placed in parenthesis after the person, thus showing his identity, and his place in order in the book. The italic names in parenthesis after the name of the head of a group or family, are those of his father, grandfather, etc., showing at a glance the line of descent from the original ancestor. In the smaller type the names of the descendants in the male line (those bearing the name of Leighton) are printed in SMALL CAPITALS while names of descendants in the female line, (those bearing names other than Leighton) are printed in *italics;* this facilitates the finding a name from *the index* and enabling the reader to know at a glance who are Leightons and who are not.