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## PREFACE.

**I**N the summer of 1866, the author's attention was directed to the subject of preparing a History of the Irish Settlement. At that time he commenced the collection of materials for the purpose. The original plan was to prepare a history in two parts; one to treat of the religious, and the other of the secular affairs of the community. It soon became apparent that the collection of material for the secular part would be a formidable undertaking. In the face of insuperable difficulties, as it seemed, this feature of the work was dropped. A manuscript History of the Church, however, was completed in 1870, but without any definite purpose of publishing the same. At the earnest solicitation of friends, that manuscript, re-modeled, revised, re-written, and amplified, we have presented in the following pages.

It was the author's intention to include in this volume two additional chapters, relating more particularly to the secular affairs of the community. By this means he hoped to interest the descendants

of the old families of the Settlement, in order to secure their co-operation in obtaining material for a companion volume to the present one, treating of the secular affairs of the Settlement. One of the chapters omitted was a necrology, being a transcript of all the inscriptions upon the tombstones in the old burying ground. The other was composed of genealogies and reminiscences. It was a source of regret to the author to find, when ready to go to press, that these chapters could not be included. It is the present intention, that any disappointment arising from this source shall only be temporary in its character. The author hopes that, at no distant day, he will be able to present a secular history of the Settlement as a companion to the present volume, in accordance with his original design. The genealogies omitted, though nearly two hundred and fifty in number, and to a high degree satisfactory as regarded the generations of the old families between their arrival in this country and 1876, were necessarily incomplete in some particulars. In the secular volume we hope to include the necrology, and make the genealogies perfect as far as possible down to 1876. We invite all, therefore, who have not already done so, to furnish us with perfect genealogies of their families, so far as they can, together with reminiscences of the Settlement or individuals. The professional and public career of individuals in

church or State, their religious beliefs, &c., are solicited, together with any other matter which would be interesting to posterity. The author would be thankful, if persons, who know of sources of information relative to the Settlement or its people, would make known the same to him. Thus may be constructed a permanent record of what our ancestors have done to assist in securing the present prosperity of our nation. Whilst the secular chapters have been omitted from this volume, the history of the Church has been retained complete, which includes much of the secular affairs of the Settlement.

In the preparation of these pages we have been indebted to many descendants of the old Settlement families, both within and without its bounds. We have been assisted by the present pastor and officers of the Church to no small degree.

We would also acknowledge the kindness shown us by Rev. Amzi L. Armstrong, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and Rev. H. C. McCook, Custodian of Philadelphia Presbytery minutes, in furnishing extracts and permitting us to peruse the early minutes of these Presbyteries for records bearing upon the early ecclesiastical affairs of the Settlement Church. We have also consulted Rupp's History of Northampton county, Henry's History of Lehigh Valley, Dr. Charles Hodge's and Webster's Histories of the Presbyterian Church, Dr.

D. X. Junkin's Historical Discourse at the Semi-Centennial of the Presbytery of Newton, &c.

It is hoped what we have written with reference to the Church will be found to be, in the main, correct and trustworthy. If some of the names are not spelled, in all cases, as the present generation would spell them, we would say we have given them as they are found in the old records.

J. C. C.

FRAZER, PA., *November, 1875.*



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1777-1821—PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA.
1821-1851—PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.
1851-1870—PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA, (New ad.)
1870-1876—PRESBYTERY OF LEHIGH.

# IRISH SETTLEMENT.

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## CHAPTER I.

1728—1760.

**I**N 1728, John Boyd, who had married Jane Craig, went with Col. Thos. Craig from Philadelphia to the Forks of Delaware and settled in what was afterwards known as the Irish Settlement.\* At or about the same time, Hugh Wilson, Samuel Brown, and probably a few more went thither and settled. In 1731, there had accumulated a sufficient community to assume the name of the Craig Settlement.

If the record from which we derive our information is correct as to dates, and that it is so is substantiated by the best of evidence, we find these families followed the example of the Scotch-Irish in other parts of the country, in occupying vacant

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\* Hamilton Record.