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Built about 1799.



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TO THE MEMORY OF AN HONORED COLONIAL
DAME OF TO-DAY,

DEBORAH BROWN COLEMAN,

THIS BRIEF RECORD OF
COLONIAL LIFE

IS

Affectionately Dedicated.



PREFACE.

WHILE men still recall the rustic pleasures of an old country seat in New York whose site is now the heart of the great metropolis, or remember forest trees surrounding a house at the corner of Twelfth and Chestnut Streets in Philadelphia, or tell of a boyhood spent in the pretty country town of Boston where stage-coaches clattered in from the rural districts, it seems time to collect in permanent form memorials of a past that cannot much longer be held in the memory of the living. By talking with men and women who lived in the first quarter of this century, we not only learn how our great cities appeared before the advent of the railroad, the steamboat, and the telegraph, but also, reaching back through their