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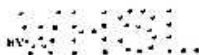
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Biographical and Chronological Record of the Rise and Progress of this ancient family and its founders from the days of Egbert the Saxon King of England to the present time. Particularly relating to the Wedderburn branch, its extinction in Scotland, and continuation in Virginia with a History of the American claimant to Peerages of Marchmont; Blazonberry and Polworth, and the estates of Wedderburn, Redbrae and Greenlaw.
To which is added a list of the Letters and Documents relating to the Humes of Wedderburn in Scotland and America.



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PREFACE.

I write these page after the book has been printed. I am now more familiar with its errors and short-comings than any one else. I make an explanation, but no apology. Every person who has contributed matter for these pages has had abundant opportunity to make corrections and changes in the proof; for every such person has had at least two complete proofs sent to him, or her, with instructions for corrections, and all corrections have been made, and the publisher has all such proof to show that such is the case. So that no blame can be attached to the author and publisher for names mis-spelled and dates not corrected.

Some have, and still others will, make complaint that their lines are not full and complete. My answer to this is that every line has been printed just as written, and some names have been printed two or three times, because written that often.

Some have not complied with my request for their family history, and where this could not be obtained from others it has been omitted.

The way has not always been smooth. Some persons—only four I believe—have said and written some very offensive things in a rather ungentlemanly way. One man, a Kansan, became quite indignant and wrote to my secretary, Miss Maude Hume, "that a certain Dr. Hume was trying to **faust* a fraud upon the unsuspecting people." His grounds for such offense was that I had passed through his State, and had not gone sixty miles out of my way to see him. He who had not contributed five cents to the work and knew nothing of the matter at issue.

Another, this time a Texan, lost his equilibrium over \$2 00 subscribed (and returned), and wrote insulting things because I had dared to write the history of a branch of the family—not his own.

While a lady—refined and cultured—wrote from Chicago to accuse me of grossness and coarse conduct.

And fourth and last, my own dear cousin and childhood play-fellow, accused me of embezzling his \$1.00 sent for a chart. All

*I presume he meant to write the word *faust*.—H.

these letters I have on file as loving mementos of the treatment one gets from persons he tries to benefit.

This does not include the criticism and gossip that some have said to others, and not dared to repeat to me. But for these I do not care—they are beneath my notice.

All mistakes in this volume will be corrected in the second volume, which will appear about March '1, 1904, together with lines not furnished for this one; also the lines of all other Humes in America not in the Virginia family.

The author is under great obligation to the following persons for assistance:

Hon. Frank Hume, for his assistance and money used in investigation in Europe; Mr. R. D. Hume, for like assistance, Miss Sarah Hume, for work done on records in London; Miss Maude Hume, secretary, for untiring correspondence and many pictures drawn by her skillful hand for these pages; Mrs. T. S. Ellis, of Kentucky, now dead, for old letters and papers so generously furnished; Mesdames Archibald, Douglass and Buck, of Las Vegas, for assistance in his work; Mrs. Hume Mock, and many others for valuable service rendered.

Buschart Bros. deserve great credit for care and pains in composition and press work, and Fred. Graf, of this city, for engravings.

This completes a task which I have looked forward to since I was a child and heard these wonderful stories at my grandfather's knee. Four years of hard work for myself and sister and \$3,000 in money—all except about \$250 of which I earned by my own effort—is what it has cost me; not to mention the worry and ill-health occasioned by persistent misunderstanding, and complaint by suspecting people who could not write and edit a ten line dodger, to advertise a 4th of July picnic at a cross-roads post-office.

I have not always quoted my authority, but there is a reason for every item in this book. If it is not correct, it is not my fault.

If it does not suit you, dear friend, don't take it. If you have subscribed and paid, I will return your money. Don't take it and then complain about it. If it is not right, probably you are to blame for not making corrections about things you knew of in time.

Your Kinsman,

JOHN ROBERT HUME.

SO DON'T KICK.

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