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## PREFACE

When I started to write this history I never dreamed of it being put in book form until I was more than half through writing, when my son, Wilbert, told me my manuscript was to be put in book form, through the courtesy of the J. R. Watkins Medical Company. I was hardly prepared for such a compliment, and I cannot describe my feelings. My son was the prime mover in this part of the program. I regret that I have had so much to say about myself. To look over my narrative it looks more like the biography of Samuel H. Watkins than the Annals of the Tribe of Joseph. If there is anything I hate it is an egotist, so it follows I will have to despise myself.

I have unintentionally omitted to mention the names of many persons that are worthy of notice and failed to record many events that I should have recorded, and I may err in some statements I have made, and if so they are mistakes of the head and not of the heart.

As I am the oldest surviving descendant of the Tribe of Joseph, I can come nearer doing



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justice to the annals of the family than any one else. I have done my best to give a correct history and will leave it to my readers to judge how well it has been done. I should never have made the attempt had it not been for the earnest solicitations of my cousins, Julia Watkins Frost, and her daughter, Adélaide Frost. The former is the author of a very interesting book entitled, "Annals of Our Ancestors."

I want to express my sincere gratitude to every one who has aided me in this enterprise, and most especially to James Knox, the linotype operator in the J. R. Watkins Medical Company's printing office, who has been unsparing in his efforts in producing this book. By his scholarly efficiency, and that of his good wife (for she did a great deal of the proof reading in connection with this book), they have accomplished a great feat; they have brought order out of chaos, as any one would agree who could compare the manuscript with the finished product.

With malace toward none and charity to all, I remain yours in hope of heaven.

SAMUEL HUNT WATKINS.

Winona, Minnesota, February 1, 1917.

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