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PREFACE

In adding this work to the long list of family histories already published, it is felt that a duty to coming generations has been fairly accomplished. As the years go on, more or less of the old time records are gradually being destroyed, and the aged amongst us, who were closely allied to the familiar figures of Revolutionary days, are now but few, and must, ere long, have passed away, thus closing to the world this valuable source of knowledge of the facts of history, and of the heroes of the latter years of the eighteenth century.

The contents of these pages are from family and church records—old papers, tombstones, public documents and the early history of our country, etc.; and from information derived from members of the family, on whom personal calls were made

in many and widely distant parts of the country. The work was begun three years ago for the personal gratification of a member of the family. It is but lately completed, and only that it may be preserved in some of the great libraries of the country, a small edition has been published.

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The original settlers of Guilford, Conn., among whom was John Shethar, came from Kent, Surrey and Sussex Counties, England, in 1639, landing first at New Haven and Hartford, Conn.

John Shethar belonged to an influential and educated family. He had a large estate for a man of his times, and was a frequent purchaser of lands in Guilford, Conn., and surrounding towns. He came to Guilford with the first settlers, although as he would not conform to church rules fully, it was 1650, before, under a slight change of law, he was eligible to be a Freeman.

(To be a Freeman each person was required to become a member of some Con-