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P R E F A C E .


THIS little, unpretending volume is the genealogical record of upwards of twelve hundred persons, the descendants of JOHN GUILD, of Dedham, who died more than two hundred years ago. As a family they have been prudent, industrious and useful, living not wholly unto themselves, and fulfilling well the Divine command, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth. Few among them have been blessed with riches, in the modern sense of the term, although many have had a handsome competency. It may not be ascribed to vanity to add, that they have been distinguished for integrity and uprightness of character;—upon no one has the process of criminal law ever been served, and no one, it is believed, has been imprisoned for debt.

The labor and difficulty of collecting and arranging the genealogical statistics of a family of two hundred years growth, can be estimated only by those who have had experience in undertakings of this kind. Few people care for their ancestors, many keep no records, and others keep them very imperfectly. In the present work there are undoubtedly many mistakes, and yet the author is gratified that he

has succeeded in collecting so much that is reliable. The descendants of the male branches of the family are given, it will be observed, with greater care and fulness than the descendants of the female branches. Perhaps a future edition of the work may in time be published, which shall incorporate all omissions, together with corrections and additions.

The work is properly divided into two parts, the first part including the descendants of JOHN GUILD who settled in Dedham, and the second those who settled in Wrentham. The plan of giving the names of the family in the order of their respective generations, and according to priority of birth, is simple, and can, it is believed, be readily comprehended, without the aid of tedious explanations, which oftentimes are more unintelligible than the work itself. It may be well perhaps to add, for the benefit of such as are specially interested in chronology, that previous to 1752, the year was, by the legal method of computation, held to begin on the 25th of March, instead of the 1st of January, as at present. March, therefore, was called the first month, and February, the twelfth; while September, October, November, and December, in accordance with their Latin etymology or derivation, were called the seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth months. March 10, 1669, would be, therefore, according to our present reckoning, March 10, 1670. The dates in this Genealogy are made to correspond with the "New Style," so called.

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especially to REUBEN A. GUILD, Esq., Librarian of Brown University, who has kindly revised the manuscript, and corrected the proof-sheets as they came from the press. With all its imperfections the book is now submitted to the GUILD FAMILY, in the hope and belief that it may promote harmony and acquaintance among the various branches thereof, and prove useful to all who may have occasion to consult its pages.

C. G.

DEDHAM, November 28, 1867.





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