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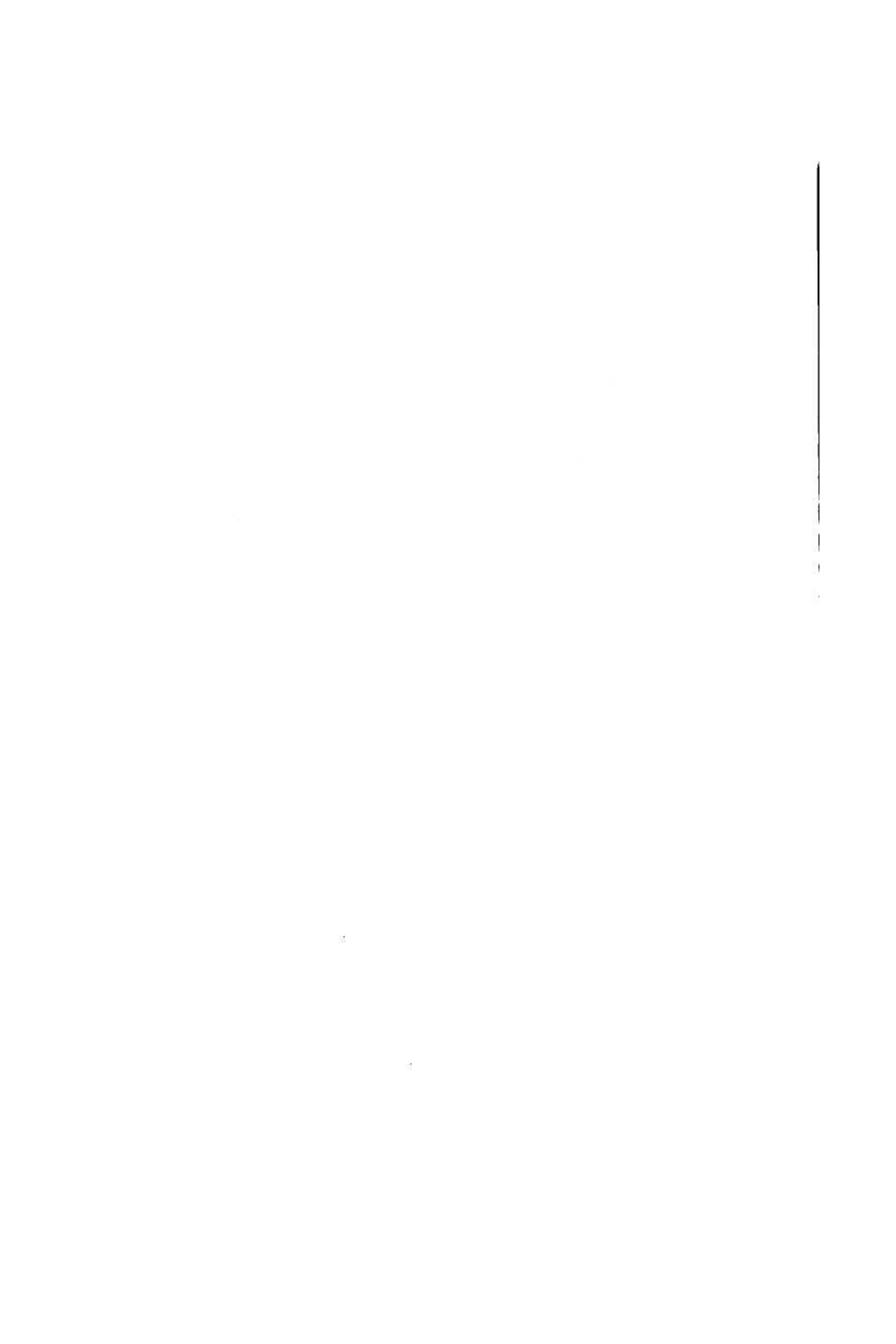


THE FARNHAM FAMILY CREST.

This crest represents a griffin's* head protruding from a ducal crown, bearing in its beak a crossed crosslet sharpened, ready to be set up.

Motto "*Je suis pret*," I am ready.

* A griffin is a fabled animal half lion and half eagle. It is represented with wings a beak and four legs; the upper part resembling an eagle and the lower part a lion. The figure of the griffin is seen on ancient medals and is still borne in coat armor.

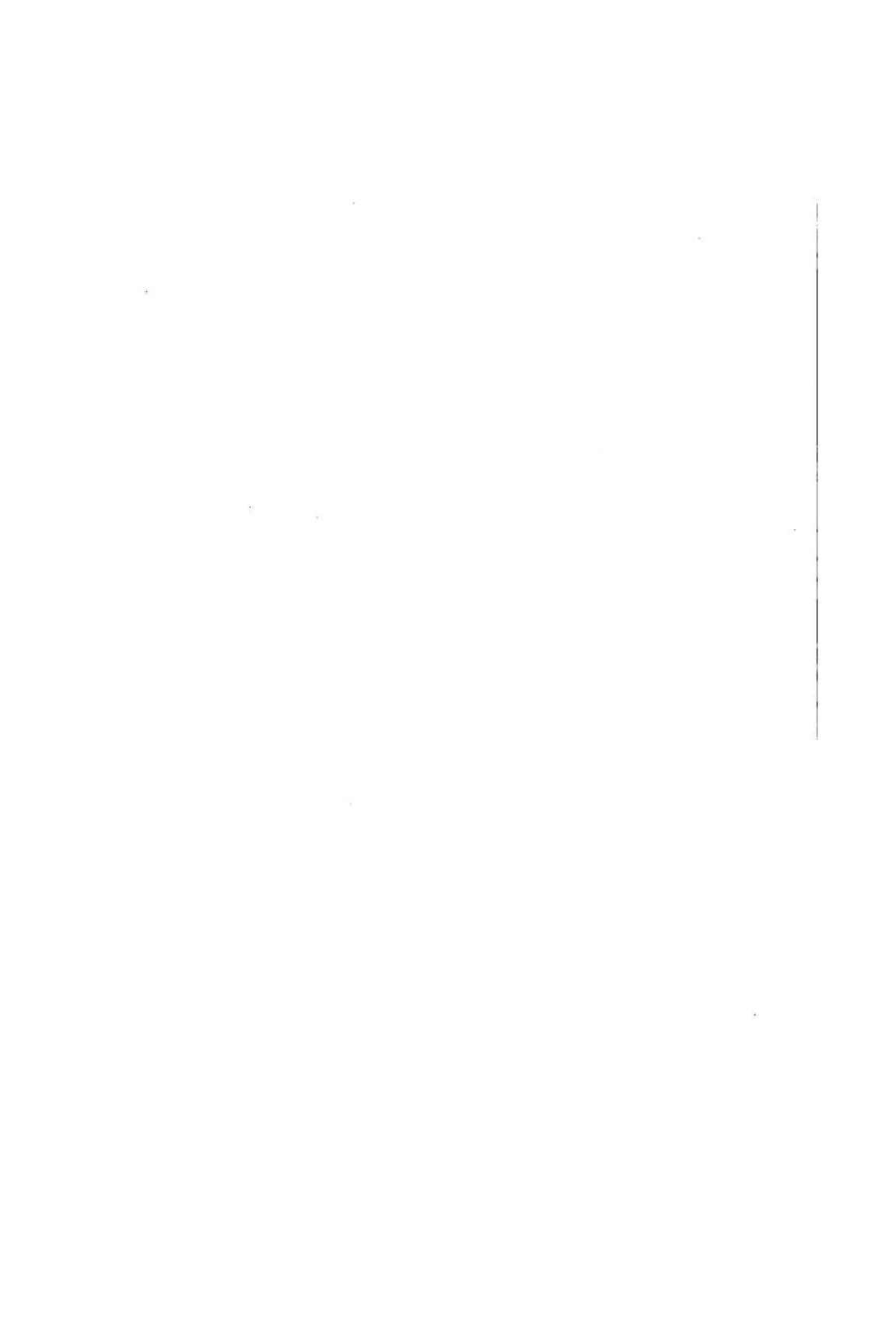


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The New England
Historical and Genealogical Society.

In grateful remembrance of the incentive and help
its publications have furnished,

This little work
is Respectfully Inscribed.



INTRODUCTION.

It is more than a quarter of a century since I began to collect the material for this volume. As will be supposed, sometimes, many years have passed without adding a single item.

I have brought together from town-records, histories, parish-records, genealogies and grave-stones, such statements as contained the name. As I anticipated, many of these isolated facts have worked into the genealogical table, filling a gap or furnishing a connecting link.

In 1859, just before leaving the United States for China, I visited the patriarch, and revolutionary soldier, Ralph Farnham of Acton, Maine. He was then 108 years old and his son John, more than eighty. He gave me considerable information which I had not been able to obtain before.

When visiting the United States in 1883-4, Gorham N. Weymouth, Esq. of Hollis, Maine, whose mother was a Farnham, gave me extracts which he had made from the manuscript *History of the Town of York* by N. G. Marshall. I had always understood my ancestors went from Andover, Massachusetts, to Maine, but had never been able to trace the line. However the information I got from Mr. Weymouth corroborated that given me by the patriarch Ralph and helped to establish beyond a doubt the long desired connection.