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# GATHERING



*OF THE DESCENDANTS AND KINSMEN OF JOHN LEE, ONE  
OF THE EARLY SETTLERS OF FARMINGTON, CONN.,*

HELD IN HARTFORD, CONN.,

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, AUG. 5TH AND 6TH,

1884.

[By Iron Wallace Lakin.]

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*Wm. H. Lee.*

NEW YORK CITY.

TO THE  
DESCENDANTS OF JOHN LEE,  
OF FARMINGTON, CONN.,

WHETHER THEIR HOMES ARE ALONG THE ATLANTIC  
SLOPE, OR BY THE FATHER OF WATERS; AMONG  
THE SNOW CLAD HILLS, OR ORANGE GROVES;  
HOWEVER HUMBLE THEIR LOT, OR  
FAR THEY HAVE WANDERED  
FROM THE ANCES-  
TRAL HOME,

*This Book is Respectfully Dedicated.*

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## EXPLANATORY.

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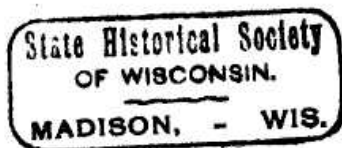
At our Family Gathering, as will be seen in the minutes, a committee was appointed to prepare the material and attend to the publication of the proceedings, and it was intended to commence at once, and have it completed as soon as practicable. Knowing the fitness of Rev. Mr. Loveland for the position, and his willing disposition to render any service that was within his power, he was selected as one of them, with the understanding that the work would be principally his to do, and under his control. His sudden sickness and death in September disarranged all plans, and has greatly retarded its progress. Another thing which operated to cause delay, was the fact, that after our Gathering had dissolved and many had left for their homes, it was suggested that it would be a good plan to illustrate the book with the likenesses of some of our best looking Lees, so that other members of the family might obtain some idea of the style of beauty in vogue among our kindred.

The resulting correspondence, of course, took much time, and the additional fact that some were unable to attend to the matter at an early day, (owing to sickness in their families), all operated as a hindrance, so that it was late in January before all were obtained. Still another cause was, that we were in the midst of an exciting political campaign, in which, of course, every American citizen was interested, and the secretary was selected by his fellow-townsmen as a candidate for the Legislature, and elected after a fierce contest, at the same time being a member of the city government where he resides; and also the fact, that he is a mechanic, and necessitated to daily toil, all operated to delay the work.

He would have much preferred that this work had fallen upon some one else, but there seemed to be no one who was willing to attempt it, and so he must do it, if it was done at all. He hopes this explanation will be satisfactory, and that the record of what was said and done at Hartford will be a source both of interest and pleasure to all the kindred, whether present or absent.

MERIDEN, MARCH, 1885.





## PREFACE.

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Those who have the "LEE BOOK," and are familiar with its contents, will, perhaps, wonder that the sketch of the descendants of Thomas (the twin) should appear as it does, out of the regular order, but the reason therefor will appear as follows: I had never heard of any attempt to trace out the Farmington Lees until, in the Autumn of 1878, when I casually heard from a friend, who was employed in the office where the work was being done, that there was in progress a history of our family. This seemed to me strange, for all my life had been passed in Connecticut, and I certainly was not unknown in the community. I had spoken on many platforms in defence of republican principles; had again and again appeared as an advocate of total abstinence in different localities; had been active in Free Masonry and Odd Fellowship, and had been the official head of both orders in Connecticut. To this day I am unable to explain or guess the reason why, in all the researches of Deacon Charles and Rev. Samuel Lee, my family was entirely overlooked, living, as we always had, within thirty miles of the old home at Farmington, where my grandfather was born, and from which town he went as a soldier at the age of sixteen, to join the Army of the Revolution. I had long felt an ardent desire to know more than I did concerning my ancestry and kindred, and when the work appeared, was an eager purchaser and reader.

After becoming somewhat familiar with it, it occurred to me that a family gathering was both desirable and feasible. I knew that other old families had held such gatherings, which had been pleasant occasions and were fondly remembered; some of them were the Huntingtons, Burwells, Tutties, Andrews, Harrisons, Barnes, and several others that might be mentioned.

My native town, (Barkhamsted), had observed its Centennial, in 1879, with success, and knowing something of how it was brought about, I determined to ascertain the feelings of our kindred, and see if we could have a gathering, and if not, why not? I accordingly began correspondence with different branches through their representatives, and soon found a willingness to co-operate, if there was some one to take the lead. We have not many clergymen or professional men in our ranks: what few we have are too busy to devote much time to such matters. I found that if it was to be done, all