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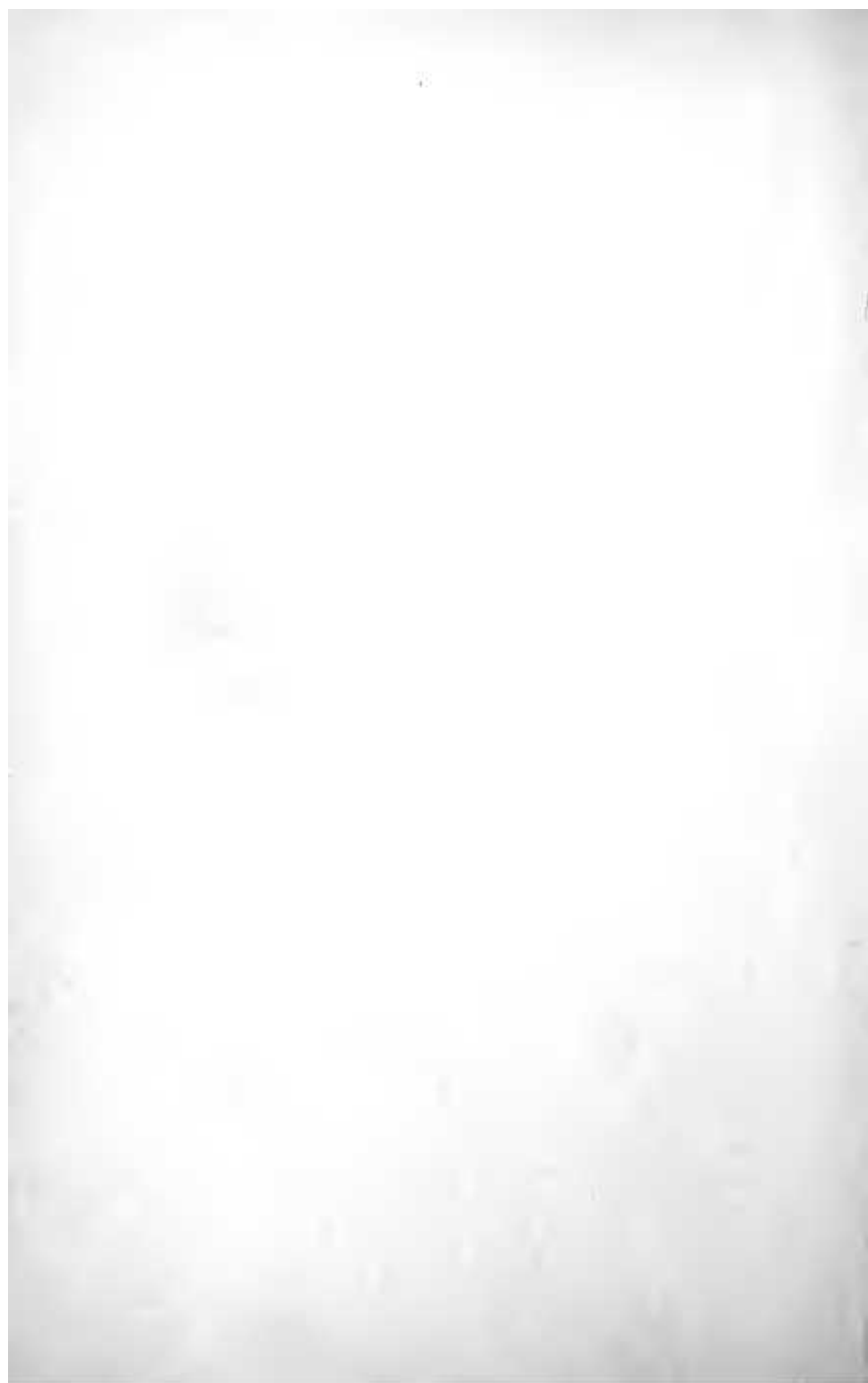
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IN

MEMORY OF

ADRIAN ADELBERT SCHENCK

WHO DEVOTED MANY OF THE LEISURE HOURS
OF A BUSY LIFE TO COLLECTING THE
FACTS HEREIN RECORDED



PREFACE.

For many years my beloved father, Adrian Adelbert Schenck, cherished the ambition of putting on record the genealogy of that branch of the Schenck family which originally resided in or near Onondaga County, New York. The exigencies of an active business life left him but little time for working upon the thousands of details of a book of this kind, yet as opportunity offered, he corresponded with those from whom information could be obtained and carefully recorded names and dates, with that wonderful patience which was such a predominant trait of his character. One who has not tried to gather together facts about which there are no books and no authorities, little realizes the difficulties which beset such work. Letters are carelessly answered or are entirely ignored, records are imperfect as to full names and complete dates, and the memory often fails at a critical point. Unless one has the time to work continuously at such a task, it progresses but slowly and it therefore took many years for my father to collect the facts here recorded.

After the death of my father, which occurred February 25, 1909, I found a large number of letters, written records and newspaper clippings, which he had gathered and which he had just begun to arrange in

chronological order for publication. It has required some time to complete the information and put it in form for the printer. My thanks are due to a number of cousins who have willingly and enthusiastically supplied missing names and dates. I am especially indebted to Mr. James Shuler Schenck for his energetic aid. Nearly all of the latter part of the book has been submitted in manuscript form to some member of the various families for inspection and correction, and no little trouble has been taken to have the records complete and correct. It can hardly be hoped, however, that there are no errors; for such as may occur, I ask the indulgence of the reader.

For many of the facts in the early history of the family in America, we are greatly indebted to the late Rev. Garret C. Schenck of Marlborough, New Jersey, who spent upwards of fifty years in the preparation of a complete genealogy of the Schenck family. This, however, has never been published. In 1883, father spent some time in New Jersey, looking up the records of the second, third, fourth and fifth generations in America, and I know that he was greatly aided by the Rev. Mr. Schenck. We owe much also to the records of Lieut. A. D. Schenck, U. S. A., whose book, *Rev. William Schenck, His Ancestry and Descendants*, has supplied me with many valuable facts. The connection between the Rev. William Schenck and the Ohio branch of the family on the one hand and Rulef Schenck and the Onondaga branch on the other is recorded on page 60.

The genealogy in Holland was compiled by Jonkheer William Frederic George Louis van der Dussen, Knight of the Order of the Oak Crown, Lieutenant Colonel

and Commandant in 1873, of the Fortress of Nimeguen. He was editor of a genealogical journal at the Hague and one of the genealogical authorities of Holland. His work, formerly in the possession of Rev. Garret C. Schenck, is an immense volume, handsomely bound and clasped.

In 1885, ^(printed in Hampton, N. H.) there appeared a twenty-six page pamphlet entitled *The Blyenbeck and Afferden Branch of the Family of Schenck van Nydeck*. This was reprinted from a work, *The Family of Schenck van Nydeggen*, which was published in Cologne, Germany, in 1860. From this pamphlet I have obtained many of the facts contained in the first part of this book.

In 1876, P. L. Schenck, M. D., of Flatbush, L. I., published *A Memoir of Johannes Schenck*, the progenitor of the Bushwick branch of the family. This has been of great help in elucidating a number of important points in the early American history of the family. There are many descendants of Johannes Schenck and their relationship to our branch of the family is clearly shown on page 60.

The present book has been prepared primarily to serve as a record for those descendants of Rulof Schenck who are now living. The arrangement and method of numbering are modifications of those recommended by the New England Genealogical Society. It will be readily understood, yet a word of explanation on the significance of the numbers and the use of Roman numerals may not be out of place. The genealogy is in three parts:—
(1) From the year 1346 to 1650, where the unbroken line of descent is traced from Heinrich Schenck van