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INTRODUCTION

This book, the result of twenty years research during leisure time, may be of some assistance to those of other branches of the Cortright family who are not familiar with its history, but it is by no means complete, nor free from errors.

It is more especially designed to preserve a genealogy of Benjamin Cortright, through his sons Cornelius, Henry and John, who came from Minisink district in Northampton County soon after the Revolution and settled in Plains, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, in the Wyoming Valley, leaving descendants now widely dispersed. It also includes a partial genealogy of the descendants of Elisha Cortright, a cousin, who came to the Valley at an early date.

Records of the Harlem branch of the family herein contained have been taken literally from the accurate and well written "History of Harlem" by James Riker, and from numerous other authorities, while all baptisms and early marriages will be found in the published records of the Reformed Dutch churches of New Amsterdam, Kingston, Rochester, Sleepy Hollow, Wawarsing, Smithfield, Machackemeck. (Deerpark) Walpeck and other places.

The sketches of the Abbott and Gore families are largely quotations from Oscar J. Harvey's History of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., while much information has been gleaned from the publications of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, the Pennsylvania Archives, and many other sources.

There are Cortrights among the early generations of whom nothing more will ever be known than name and date of baptism, some of whom died young, and others who married and may be traced through generations now unrecorded.

Many children were born, of whom there is no record, owing to frequent migration of young couples to new settlements where there was no established church, and in many instances church records have been lost or destroyed, containing information of great value.

Duplication of given names was frequent among our Dutch ancestors, making it difficult to ascertain with certainty who was referred to in marriage records, but these have been determined by comparisons of ages, locations, names of children, etc., so far as possible, although it will be surprising if no errors are discovered. Information of Cortright

families unrecorded here, correction of errors and supplied omissions will be gratefully received and recorded in a future edition. The arrangement of this book is so simple as to require no explanation, while the abbreviations are those generally used, such as b., for born, bap., baptized, m., married; d., died; j. m., single man; j. d., single woman, etc.

Our Cortright ancestors were mostly farmers, living simple lives, industrious and honest, of strong religious convictions, sharing with other pioneers the dangers and hardships incident to the settlement of a new country, and but very few attained distinction.

My warmest feelings of gratitude and sincere thanks are tendered to those who have so kindly aided me by supplying the necessary data, thus making this work possible, and not in a single instance has it been refused or my inquiries ignored.

Your compiler is amply compensated in the thought that this record may afford pleasure to the Cortright descendants by giving them reliable information of their ancestors, heretofore not available to many, and foster an honest pride in an honorable American ancestry of two hundred and sixty years.

Your Kinsman,

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