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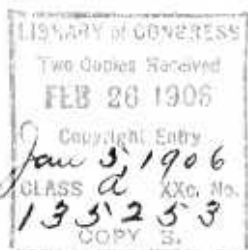
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TO MY WIFE

Mrs. Margaret A. Worrell

WITH WHOM I HAVE THREADED MY WAY THROUGH NEAR
FORTY-EIGHT YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE, DO
I MOST GRATEFULLY AND SINCERELY
INSCRIBE THIS VOLUME

JOHN WORRELL

A WORD PRELIMINARY

HAVING traveled all that portion of the United States lying east of the Rocky Mountains many times over while in the employ of the Government as a revenue agent, and while discharging my duties in Texas, which took me to every part of the State, and hearing so many persons speak of General Sam Houston in such complimentary terms,—to the effect that he was the George Washington of Texas—and having learned from tradition while in Tennessee the sad story of his unfortunate separation from his first wife under appalling circumstances at the time: and having by good fortune, when unaware, visited Lampasas, Texas,—in June, '92—on the occasion of the reunion of the Old Veterans who had fought under General Houston for the independence of Texas from Mexico, I formed the purpose at some future time of writing a brief sketch of the history of General Houston, and the following has, for the most part, been prepared from things gleaned while traveling in the State, and very largely at the meeting of the Old Comrades of Houston at

Lampasas. And I fully believe and hope that when the brief story of the General shall have been read that it will awaken in the breast of every lover of his country a kindly regard for "Sam Houston," whom I esteem as one of the great men of the pioneer days of our history.

Being also familiar with Longfellow's "Evangeline," and after becoming acquainted with the descendants of the banished Acadians from Grand-Pre, and other sections of Nova Scotia by the English in 1755, who found homes in the "Opelousas" of Louisiana, I felt there were yet other beauties in the pathetic story of Evangeline and Gabriel not brought to view by Longfellow, and have essayed the task in this little volume, but with what success the reader must judge.

In addition to the foregoing narratives, the reader will find a short eulogy on General John A. Logan in "The battle-born babe of Flint River," and some observations on other matters, with answers to inquiries, and all bound disjunctively, but not in a way to perplex the reader.

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