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One generation passeth away and another
generation cometh. *Ecc. i-4.*

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PREFACE.

The study of history is productive of much that is of a noble and elevating character. It is natural for all to desire to know something of the country whence his ancestors sprang, as well as of his native land; and is it not of vastly more interest for one to be able to tell who his ancestors were and something of the history of their struggles, progress and honors? It is a custom handed down to us from the patriarchs of old, who were very careful to preserve and cherish the memory of their departed. The children of Israel were charged to carry the bones of Joseph and have them deposited in the Holy Land. It is a duty we owe posterity to leave a record of the deeds of our generation.

From my earliest recollection I have desired to know who my ancestors were, where they lived and what they did. In 1867 I began this work, not thinking to extend it beyond the limits of my grandfather and his immediate descendants; but I became so interested in the subject that I concluded to continue the research still further. I had often heard my father relate the story of John, the ancestor of our branch in America, who was born in Scotland, and at the age of twelve years was kidnapped in London and brought to Boston and who subsequently married and settled in Middleboro, Mass. and was the father of three sons, Elijah, John and George. Elijah settled in Maine.

One hundred and twenty years had now elapsed since Elijah or his descendants had heard from his brothers or their posterity. I felt a natural desire to learn of their whereabouts. Through the kindness of the clerk of Middleboro, I was en-

abled to open a correspondence with the descendants of those two brothers scattered throughout nearly every state in New England.

I have devoted the greater part of two years to gathering and writing the matter for this work. Nearly the entire copy has been written three times and carefully corrected; yet in a work of this kind I am aware that accuracy is quite impossible. I have searched town and church records and have sought information in all ways possible.

Had this Genealogy been commenced twenty years earlier much information could have been obtained which has now been lost by the death of those who possessed it.

Many family records have either been lost or were never kept and in a few instances the writing was not legible and thus mistakes may have occurred. Still it affords me much satisfaction to be able to present this volume so completely to my numerous relatives.

In some families names have been transposed, parents sending them one way and children another. Thus Nancy Amanda has been changed to Amanda Nancy. I have endeavored in all cases to arrange names correctly and acceptably to all concerned.

In the matter of individual biography I have carefully examined all that has been received and have used what was deemed of interest to the reader, and would have been pleased to have inserted more had it been received.

The genealogical history of the Douglas Nobility was taken from the Peerage of Scotland, written in 1764 by Robert Douglas. There are many different records of the origin, name and history of the family, yet they all have their rise from the one source and it is reasonable to believe that this account is authentic.

As to the correct way of spelling the name, I find in use Douglas, Douglass and Douglass. From all accounts of history, as well as of heraldry, the original way of spelling the name is generally spelled Douglas.

Every person has the privilege of spelling his name as he chooses. As far as known, I have written each name as it has been received. Previous to the fifth generation the name was Duglas or Douglas.

The coat-of-arms was obtained from Scotland through the heraldry office in New York and minutely compared with works on the subject and found to be the proper arms for all bearing the name, without regard to the branch to which they belong.

In my researches in this work, I have come across several branches of this great Douglas tree. The one known as the Stephen A. Douglas branch is numerous in Connecticut. Their genealogy has been published by Mr. Charles H. James Douglas of Providence, R. I. The Francis Douglas branch is to be found in Gardiner, Hallowell and that vicinity. A branch is also found in Gorham, Sebago and Windham.

The reader must know that much time and not a little money has been used in compiling this genealogy. It has been a labor of love and not one for gain, for if I realize enough to pay the expense I shall be satisfied.

In preparing this volume I have formed very many pleasant acquaintances among relatives whom I should not otherwise have met.

My sincere thanks are tendered to all who have in any way aided me in this undertaking.

J. LUFKIN DOUGLAS.

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THE DOUGLAS NOBILITY.

THE FOLLOWING GENEALOGICAL HISTORY OF THE DOUGLAS
NOBILITY OF SCOTLAND WAS TAKEN FROM ROBERT
DOUGLAS PEERAGE OF SCOTLAND, WRITTEN A. D.

1764.

If a long train of illustrious ancestors distinguished by the highest titles and connected with the most august and noble families in Europe, can make any name remarkable and great, there is no subject that can plead a higher claim than the Douglas; but it is the least part of the glory of this family that it has been honored with alliances by marriage into the first rank of nobility in Scotland, England and France. Having matched eleven times with the royal house of Scotland, and once with that of England. They were more distinguished for