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PREFACE.

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In the spring of 1892 the author began collecting material for a history of the American Hoadleys, and now takes pleasure in presenting to them the result of his labors. The town and church records of Branford and the probate records at Guilford have naturally proved the most fruitful field for investigation, while many important facts have also been discovered in the records at New Haven, Wallingford, Waterbury, and other towns. Outside of Connecticut the author has had to depend largely on correspondence to obtain particulars of those who left their native State.

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The difficulties with which a genealogist has to contend are great. The records in different towns, and the town and church records in the same town often disagree, while the registers in family bibles and the inscriptions on grave stones are generally at variance with other sources of information. Then again the most careful correspondents sometimes make mistakes, and accounts of a family by its different members often disagree, so strict accuracy in dates in many cases is unattainable.

The localities which have been the special homes of the Hoadleys and with which their name is most closely identified are the towns of Branford, Waterbury, Naugatuck and Plymouth in Connecticut, Turin and Windsor in New York, Burton and Columbia in Ohio, Canaan in Pennsylvania, Plainfield in Indiana, Fairfield in Michigan, and Tunmouth in Vermont.

The Hoadleys as a race are endowed with the same vigorous mental and physical character and pride of family which dis-

tinguished their ancestors. They may well be proud of the record of their forefathers, for they proved by the part they took in the early Colonial struggles and in the later wars of the Republic that the positions of trust with which they were honored were wisely and deservedly bestowed upon them by their State and Country. They have boldly gone out into the wilderness and faced the hardships incident to all new settlements, and their energy and enterprise have invariably benefited the communities in which they have made their homes; and in all civil, educational, and religious movements they have been found progressive and ready to do their part in laying the foundation of American society.

The author thanks the many friends who have contributed to these pages, and hopes that they will derive as much pleasure from the Genealogy as he has done from their correspondence.

FRANCIS B. TROWBRIDGE.

New Haven, Conn., April, 1894.

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INTRODUCTION.

THE Hoadley family originated in the south of England and is supposed to have derived its name from one of two parishes in Sussex, East and West Hoadly, (now spelled Hoathly), one in the rape of Lewes, the other in that of Pevensey.

Mention is made in the *Sussex Archeological Collections* of Margaret, daughter and heir of Solomon de Hothlegh, (about 1280,) of William de Hothlegh, 1296, of Maurice de Hothlegh, 1318. (11th Ed. ii.) King Edward II sent Maurice de Hothlegh on an errand from Tunbridge to London;

In Queen Elizabeth's time John Hodeley, of Lamberhurst on the borders of Kent and Sussex, had a chancery suit against the vicar.

Thomas Hodeley, of Sussex, pleb., of Queens College Oxford, matriculated 7 Dec. 1616, aged 18, B.A. 1629, M.A. 1633.

In the 17th century there were a number by the name in various parishes of Sussex and Kent, who were small landholders, and the name is still to be found in those counties.

The place of birth neither of John Hoadley of Guilford, nor of William of Brauford, has as yet been ascertained, though there appears to be reason to suppose that the former came from Kent. That they were related is probable, but the fact rests only at present on family tradition.