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With compliments of the
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PREFACE.

To all Boyntons of America :

It is now nineteen months since I commenced my last researches to collect the genealogy and history of the descendants of William and John Boynton, from Yorkshire, England, who settled in the town of Rowley, County of Essex, State of Massachusetts, in the year 1638.

I was born in the east parish of the town of Bradford, a few miles from the "Boynton farms," and the original locations of our first settlers on this continent. I am the seventh generation of William; the five generations between us, of my immediate ancestors, were born and lived within a radius of eight miles from my old home; and my father related to me many unwritten traditions and historical facts, which have been verified and confirmed by the examination of County Court documents, deeds, probate, town, church and family records. My first purpose was to obtain my own complete pedigree, which was with much effort accomplished in a few weeks to my full satisfaction, and I found that my branch of lineal descent from William, formed a base line from which a correct survey of our two great families could be accurately mapped.

I discovered that some traditions were without foundation; inscriptions erroneous; genealogies incorrectly applied; family names confusedly mixed; the very origin of our name subverted; authentic dates falsified or deranged; English and American history disconcerted; the escutcheon of our

family pirated; our shield crested with the Harp of Erin, surmounted with rampant lion, and Thistled with the national emblem of Scotland; our motto misused, and much of our true history lost sight of through error and misstatements, which only equal the stray thoughts that wander in the brains of Nonagenarians.

These discoveries aroused in me an ambition that long had slumbered, and I resolved, at the age of three score and eleven, to round up the remainder of life by gathering all records and genealogy of the ten generations of our American ancestors.

On the first day of January, 1883, I commenced my investigations, and my many letters received a cordial response. The more I learned the more I felt the necessity of assistance and counsel.

On the following fourth of July I issued my first circular, calling a convention; thinking I might assemble a few score of our relations, and was joyfully surprised to meet nearly three hundred, whose feelings were in full unison with my own. At that meeting I saw the necessity of a Family Directory, that I might reach our whole fraternity, correspond with them, and they with another.

With a sincere heart I offer you this, my first volume, and my best wishes to the 3,000 kindred named in it.

JOHN FARNHAM BOYNTON.

HIGHLAND PLACE, SYRACUSE, N. Y., August 1st, 1884.



Arms de Boynton.

The above "Coat of Arms" was borne by Sir Matthew Boynton, in 1637. There is much history connecting him with the early Colonial Settlement.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Highland Place, July 4th, 1883.

I, John Farnham Boynton, send Greeting, to all the Boyntons, or Byingtons, on the Continent of North America.

Thirty years ago, I commenced collecting Facts, Dates, History and Genealogy of the Boyntons; but death in my family, and the late war, caused me to suspend my investigations.

Sixteen years later, I commenced my researches anew, my daughter acting as recorder; but in less than one year she died, which caused me to delay any further researches, until the close of 1882. Since then, I have devoted my whole time and attention looking up Records, being assisted by three of the most able Genealogists, Family Historians and Record Searchers the country produces. We have visited many of