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P R E F A C E .

THE History comprised in this volume, is a compilation of facts derived from various sources, both oral and written. The materials have been accumulating on the hands of the writer for nearly twenty years, and under such circumstances as to render it both inexpedient and impossible to refer in all cases to the authorities. Moreover such a reference would greatly have encumbered the margin, and increased the expense of publication without enhancing the value of the work to the readers.

Oral and traditionary testimony have been relied on only where written documents failed. The written authorities which have been used are the Proprietary and Town Records, Prescott's Sketch of Gilmanton, N. H. Hist. Col. Vol. I. p. 72. Farmer's Genealogical Register, Belknap's History of N. H. with Farmer's Notes, Whiton's History of N. H., Adams' Annals of Portsmouth, Allen's Biographical Dictionary, Felt's History of Ipswich, &c.

In the Biographical notices a free use has been made of the facts recorded in these works, and sometimes the very language has been used in an abridged or varied form. In the Proprietary and Civil History also, the language of the record has not unfrequently been employed to express the course of events, as being both the most convenient and the best suited to the object the writer had in view, viz. a plain narrative of facts.

Imperfection is the lot of all human effort. The present History has come very far short of what the writer intended to make it. Notwithstanding much care, many errors, especially in the

dates, have occurred, some few of which only have been referred to in the errata.

The Genealogical History is much more limited than was originally intended by the writer. To a great extent the dates of births and marriages in the different families are left out, and many families are omitted altogether. This became necessary on account of the limited patronage given to the work. A full schedule of the marriages and deaths from the first settlement of the town, is also crowded out by the abrupt close to which the writer has been obliged to bring the work, or suffer pecuniary loss. These materials may at a future time be thrown into an appendix to this History, should encouragement be afforded.

The Map prepared to accompany this work, will be found an interesting and valuable appendage. The whole has cost an amount of labor, which none can estimate but those who have made similar attempts. Should the readers be interested, instructed and benefitted, and a love of their native place be thereby cherished in the bosoms of his townsmen, at least one object of the writer will be accomplished.

August, 1845.

ERRATA.

Page 46	transpose the last two lines.
58 line 2,	for sister of John Nelson, father, &c. read sister of Gen. Nathaniel Polson and of the mother of Jonathan Nelson.
80	10, for second range, read second range.
131	7, for John Lougee, jr. read Samuel Avery.
137	14, for John F. Williams, read Adam Williams.
157	11, from bottom, for Nov. 3, 1805, read Nov. 3, 1825.
162	9, for May 6, 1778, May 5, 1777.
163	2, from bottom, for Hon. John Lord, read Nathaniel Lord, Esq.
	15, do. for one year, read two years.
	16, for 1842, read 1841.
228	1, for Dr. Abraham Silver, read Dr. James Silver.
247	22, for 1836, read 1816.
272	transfer the notice of Joseph Jones Gilman to page 253.
282	transfer the notice of Daniel J. Parsons to page 255.
285	transfer the notice of Dyer H. Sanborn, Esq. to page 255.
274	3, from bottom, for 1795, read 1705.
275	10, for 1791, 1691. 15th line, for 1772, read 1742.
278	13, from bottom, for they had Susan, read he had Susan, &c.

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