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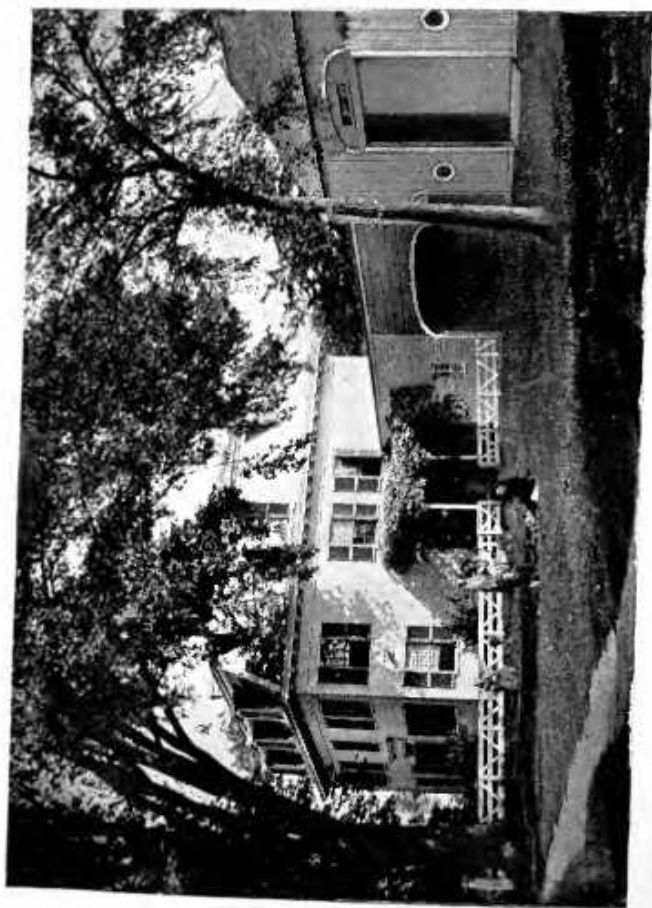
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NAMES, AND OF ENGLISH FAMILIES OF THE NAME SAVERY IN ITS VA-
RIOUS FORMS; A DETAILED SKETCH OF THE LIFE AND LABORS
OF WILLIAM SAVERY, MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL IN THE
SOCIETY OF FRIENDS; AND APPENDICES CONTAINING
AN ACCOUNT OF SAVERY'S INVENTION OF THE
STEAM ENGINE, AND EXTRACTS FROM ENG-
LISH, NEW ENGLAND, AND BARBADOES
RECORDS RELATING TO FAMILIES
OF BOTH NAMES.

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*Mea me virtus, et sancta oracula Divum,
Cognatique patres, tua terrens dilitta fama,
Conjungere tibi.* VIRG., ÆN. VIII. 131.

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PREFACE.

BESIDES my recognized assistant in the compilation of this Genealogy, and those to whom I acknowledged my obligations in the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register" for October, 1887, I am indebted to Dr. William Savery, of Sharon Hill, Penn., for biographical matter pertaining to the Philadelphia Family, to Hon. James B. Severy, Judge of the County Court of El Paso County, Col., for information by which I was enabled to trace the branches of the Severy family settled in Maine, and to Dr. Samuel Smiles for the permission accorded me to publish in America the chapter in his "Lives of Boulton and Watt," which gives an account of Savery's invention of the steam engine.

And in this place I would repeat with emphasis the expression of my great indebtedness to Miss Lydia A. Savary for her invaluable and continued assistance, without which I would never have been able to bring the work to a satisfactory conclusion. She gathered and furnished me by far the greater part of the materials woven into the genealogy of what I have called "Subdivision A" of the Old Colony Family, and a considerable quantity of other important matter utilized in appropriate places in the genealogical portions of the book.

I have consulted, for my sketch of the eminent minister, the "Journal of the Life and Labours of William Savery," edited by Jonathan Evans, Philadelphia; the "Life of Elizabeth Fry," by her daughter, Mrs. Cresswell; "Anecdotes of Friends" (issued by the "Tract Association of Friends," Philadelphia), and some letters of the minister to his wife from England.

Those who have been surprised and disappointed at the long delay in issuing the book have no conception of the immense amount of time and labor which the compilation of such a work demands, and which was, in this case, aggravated by the distance of my residence from the records in which information was to be sought, and my want of sufficient leisure to spare from the duties of an engrossing office. The correspondence involved was enormous, and the ex-

penses incurred so extraordinary that the financial loss will be great relatively to that resulting from the preparation and publication of most works of the same nature. Such books are expected to repay the cost of publication, and sometimes partially or wholly the expense of researches, but the work of compiling and writing is a "labor of love." My own expenses are much beyond the possibility of recoument from sales of the book. It may appear ungracious to mention this, and yet it seems but right to disabuse the minds of those who may suppose that I have entered upon and carried on this work with a prospect of pecuniary gain. What was at first the indulgence of a taste for antiquarian research, family history, and speculations in heredity, gradually grew into a herculean task, which I more than once seriously contemplated abandoning in despair.

In beginning my investigations in 1881, I was actuated simply by a desire to clearly trace up my own ancestry to its source on the other side of the Atlantic, and to that end applied for information to several kinspeople in Massachusetts whose addresses I chanced to obtain, but whom I had never met. These, in the order of time, were Hon. William Savary, of Carver; Adolphus Savary, Esq., and Miss Lydia A. Savary, of East Wareham; Theodore P. Adams, Esq., of Boston; and Rev. W. H. Savary, of Canton, now of South Boston; all of whom most cordially responded, with a large amount of interesting matter, which, while not reaching back far enough to elucidate the transatlantic origin of the family, inspired me with more zeal to discover it, and prompted the more ambitious task of a full family history and genealogy. The pleasure I have derived from my correspondence and subsequent acquaintance with these and others of my American kinsfolk, and others not kinsfolk, who have in various degrees contributed to my success, has relieved and lightened my labors.

A complication that rendered my work more difficult was the existence in Plymouth County of a quite numerous family of the same name, who, it was taken for granted by myself and most of my early correspondents, were a part of the "Old Colony" family of Saverys, but whom a careful investigation proved to have been descended from an entirely different source, the name being a development from one originally quite different, and an example of the curious way in which in English-speaking communities a name originally

purely French, will, in the course of generations, become gradually changed into one of English sound, or locally common as an English name. The book will therefore be divided into two parts, the second of which will contain the genealogy of the Severy family, and of the Saverys who are descended from the immigrant ancestor of the Severys, whose name, it will be seen, was Sivret, changed to Severit on this side of the water. I at one time thought of publishing this in a separate volume, but decided finally that it would be more interesting and useful to both families to place the two genealogies in juxtaposition in the same book, in order that difference, as well as identity, of origin and pedigree, and non-relationship, as well as relationship, of people bearing the same names, might be elucidated together. I am sorry that the genealogy of the Severy family is not fuller. Many of the descendants of the first Joseph Severy, of Sutton, I have been unable to trace, and there were evidently two of the name, probably his uncles, who remained at Marblehead, and were progenitors of a numerous posterity, who now all write their names "Savory." All the Marblehead church and town records relating to the name I have inserted in an appendix, so that any one who may wish to trace these lines more closely may be aided in doing so. I was disappointed at discovering that so many esteemed correspondents, worthy of all regard, and much interested in this Genealogy, were in no wise related to the family of which I was a member, or to any of the consanguineous families of the same name, whose history alone I for some time thought I was compiling.

In the female lines I did not at first expect to give more than the marriages of daughters, and the first generations of their children. Where I have done more, the information was volunteered to me, or was easily obtainable. A genealogy of the descendants of an early immigrant to America on a plan embracing the descendants in female as well as in male lines is rarely accomplished, and would have been much beyond my time and resources.

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ANNAPOLIS, 1893.

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