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CORRECTIONS.

Page 50, for township of "Hampden," read *Hambden*.

Page 103, 4th line, for settlement of Mentor, instead of "1799," read 1797.

Page 108, 11th line, instead of "Alexander," read *Abraham Tappan*.

Page 112, 1st line, instead of "38," read *40 different*.

Page 119, 2d line, instead of "1845," read 1847 to '52.

Page 133, 21st line, for "'97-'98," read '95.

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CHAPTER I. GENERAL.

Its Origin;

Its Traditions;

Its History;

Its Geography;

Its Geology;

Its People.

DEDICATION.

This book is dedicated to the descendants of the men and women who braved the dangers of pioneer life on the Western Reserve of Connecticut; who cleared its forests, founded and fostered its homes, tilled its fertile farms, established its government, and provided for the education of its people.

July 10, 1900—the one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the entire Reserve into a unit of government, viz.: Trumbull County.

North Madison,
Lake County,
Ohio.

LOCATION.

The Western Reserve of Connecticut comprises the northeast corner of the State of Ohio. It is a parallelogram in shape, extending $71\frac{1}{2}$ miles north from the 41st parallel of latitude, and 120 miles west from the boundary line of Pennsylvania. About one-third of the area of this parallelogram is in Lake Erie.

THE PURPOSE.

This volume is intended to present in a convenient form, gathered from many sources, the leading facts concerning the Western Reserve of Connecticut.

There is no book that treats the subject in this way, and it is therefore believed that such a work will be of general interest, not only to the present residents of this Paradise of Ohio, to whom it is addressed ; but also to those whose early lives were spent here, and to whom now, as they wander far from the old home, "Fond memory brings the light of other days."

We who reap where others sowed can enter into the full appreciation and enjoyment of our possessions only through a study of the conditions that have made those possessions possible. This book is an introduction to that profitable and inspiring study.

EARLY WORKERS.

For much of their knowledge of the early days on the Reserve, and particularly of early Cleveland, readers of history are indebted to Col. Charles Whittlesey, Judge C. C. Baldwin, Hon. Harvey Rice, and others. The adventures, privations, and fortitude of the early settlers have been pictured by these writers in a style that is highly entertaining. To a full and unreserved acknowledgment of the help afforded by the researches of these pioneers in the field, it is not necessary to add an apology for attempting, not a repetition of what they have so well done ; but a work of somewhat broader scope, and therefore, of more general interest.