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## DEDICATION.

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This volume is very respectfully dedicated by the author, in loving remembrance of the hearty assistance rendered in the preparation of this work, to his friend, David A. Wentzole, of Falls Church, Virginia, and to Jacob Hitzbold, Jr., of Steeg, Germany, in appreciation of his work in publishing the history of the Hiltbrands of Germany.

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## FOREWORD.

Ancestral pride is a trait common to human kind. There is, at present, unusual activity among Americans to run down family lineage. The Library of Congress at Washington, D. C., makes a speciality of collecting books and pamphlets on Genealogies. The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution has done much toward collecting and placing in convenient form much of American Genealogy. The purpose of this volume is to put in permanent form the lineage of the Heatwole Family.

In 1882, David A. Heatwole collected data of the American Heatwoles and published in booklet form a "History of the Heatwole Family," which has been incorporated into this volume. The interest thus far, manifested in the Heatwole Genealogy, gives purpose and courage to the author of the present volume of Heatwole History, which not only brings the family line up to the present time (1907), but follows it back into the parent European stock somewhat beyond the date 1608.

It is to be hoped that the Heatwoles throughout this country, together with their co-nationals will be sufficiently interested in this work, to peruse carefully these pages, and that the future generations will be inspired to preserve and improve the worthy racial qualities of their ancestors.

"The stars that smeltive heres into the blood,  
And not the one clock hour which brings remorse—  
Will brand us, after, on whose head we lie,"

TRISTRAM.

CORRECTED BY HAYWOOD.



## THE INTRODUCTION.

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The purpose of the present work is to set forth in a more permanent form, the material thus far gathered of the Heatwole lineage, and in addition gather and co-ordinate the material gotten from more recent sources, and put all into a single volume, that covers the entire scope of the Heatwole Genealogy as far back as the beginning of the Seventeenth Century.

So far there have been two efforts to put in permanent form the Heatwole Heritage; the first was made by David A. Heatwole, of Dale Enterprise, Va., in 1882 when he published a small pamphlet, "A History of the Heatwole Family from the Landing of the Ancestors of the Race up to the Present Time." The second effort was made in 1901 by Jacob Hütwohl, Jr., of Steeg, Germany, when he published the *Chronik der Familie Hütwohl*. The first covers only the American line up to 1878, the second covers the European branch from about the year 1608 to the present, and includes the pamphlet by David A. Heatwole translated into German. The present volume not only includes both the *Chronik der Familie Hütwohl* and the *History of the American branch*, but there is added a complete family register of the Heatwole lineage to the present time (1907). The Heatwole genealogy is then complete from 1608 to the present time.

It is through the kindness of Dr. John W. Wayland, of the University of Virginia, that we have a translation of the *Chronik der Familie Hütwohl*. "The History of the Heatwole Family" has undergone no changes except to mark the generations through it, beginning with the ancestor Matthias Hütwohl, and to correct some errors which were overlooked in reading the proof when it was published.

It is interesting to note that the American branch grew from one ancestor into numerous families scattered throughout many states of the Union, but more particularly in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, without the parent stock in Europe knowing anything of its existence. Credit is likely due to Mr. John T. Heatwole, of Denver, Colorado, for discovering the home of the ancestors on the Rhine. He chanced upon the name "Hütwohl" through Congressman Joel P. Heatwole, of Minnesota, and instituted correspondence with Jacob Hütwohl at Steeg bei Bacharach am Rhine, and found that the Rhine Hütwohls are distinctly related to Mathias Hütwohl who immigrated to America in 1748, and who is the single ancestor of nearly all the Heatwoles in America today. It will be noted that more than one hundred and fifty years had elapsed from the time Mathias Hütwohl landed in America to the time John T. Heatwole sent his first letter to Germany in 1898. To show the particular circumstances leading to the finding of the parent stock in Germany, a letter bearing date of Dec. 26, 1898, to D. A. Heatwole from Jacob Hütwohl Jr., of Steeg Germany is here quoted. "The lately deceased American Consul-General at Berlin, Mr. Julius Goldschmitt was my customer. In the month of February of this year (1895) he wrote to me that a friend of his Mr. Joel P. Heatwole, of Minnesota, had seen my label with him and therefore had requested him to search whether there might not be a connection between his and my family, but without any particulars I could not find anything. Happily not much later on the second of July I received a letter from Mr. John T. Heatwole, of Denver, Colorado, with the enclosure of your history of the Heatwole Family. In consequence of your genealogy I have discovered that your great-grand father Mathias Hütwohl was born in the year 1711 under the name of Johann Mathews Hütwohl in the house in which I now live, as son of Johann Georg Hüt-

wife and the latter was born in 1585, as son of Hans Georg Hütwohl. Your great-grandfather Matthias Hütwohl was a brother to Johana Peter Hütwohl born April 27, 1713, and this must be the great-grandfather of my branch."

It will be observed by reading the *Chronik der Familie Hütwohl* that our ancestor Matthias Hütwohl left the Fatherland with wife and two children, but no record of them is to be had in connection with his landing at Philadelphia in 1748. It is most probable that his wife and two children did not survive the sea voyage incident to German emigrants of that time. In proof of this belief Jacob Hütwohl quotes from "The Germans in the United States" by Rudolf Cronau, Chapters IV and V, where is related the cruel practices of ship captains of packing emigrants into their ships in numbers far beyond the capacity of their vessels. From this condition hundreds of emigrants lost their lives during the voyage across the Atlantic, and Matthias Hütwohl's wife and children must have shared the fate of these unfortunate ones. Another view of the matter ought to be given here. It is known to have been the practice of the United States emigrant officials not to include the names of the children of immigrants under sixteen years of age on their lists, thus it is possible for the children to have survived the voyage, and that their descendants are still living in Pennsylvania or elsewhere. While both of these views are mere evidence of fact, the first seems more plausible.

Just how the name changed from "Hütwohl" to "Heatwole" is not known. The only evidence, known to the author, of the anglicizing of the name is found in "The German Element in the Shenandoah Valley" by John W. Wayland, where he says that the United States authorities sometimes required the immigrants to anglicize their names. The name has undergone various metamorphoses. The ancestor's name as written in the register at Philadelphia in 1748 is "Hütwohl." In 1799 in deed of grant from