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PREFACE.

The appended "Historical Genealogy," containing about 130 pages, divided into three principal divisions, and several sub-divisions, was recorded with a view of preserving in condensed and more convenient and enduring form, some items of history and genealogy relating to a branch of the Brown family, and to notices of other families more or less remotely connected therewith by consanguinity or historical association; and especially do we see the importance of securing such information in permanent form, when our researches extend back to days of the primitive settlers and the early existence of the Government of Pennsylvania. Although there are many specimens of careful historical family record, yet in many instances there is serious lack of recorded information relating to family history,

which at the present time might be of much interest and value to many worthy families; much relating to early history is now probably lost beyond recovery, and some of that information which may yet be attainable will probably become more and more difficult of collection, the further we recede from the interesting period occupied by the primitive settlers. These reminiscences may be of some value in future research, and of utility as a book of reference.

It would have been a pleasure to have noticed favorably many of the other members of the families brought into view, but this would have been exceeding the limits assigned to the contents of this brief Historical Genealogy.

If some names have been handled with too much familiarity, or injustice has been done to any, or inaccuracies are manifest, it is to be hoped that all of these defects will be modified at some future period, when this "Historical Genealogy" may be continued by other hands.

A large proportion of this historical pro-

duction was printed and utilized in pamphlet form; the various sections of the whole history are now brought together and embraced in several small volumes, each containing an entire copy of the "Historical Genealogy;" these circumstances may account for some peculiarities in the arrangement of the contents.

FIRST DIVISION.

CHAPTER I.

From traditions of the family supported to some extent by documentary evidence, it appears that George Brown and Mercy his wife were among the earliest settlers at the Falls; that they had immigrated from Leicester, England, in the year 1679, and commenced pioneer life, when what is now the State of Pennsylvania was almost an unbroken wilderness. It is recorded of George Brown that he was administering the office of "Justice of the Peace" as early as the year 1680. He possessed a valuable tract of land bordering upon the Delaware River, extending inland to the manor boundary, and also bordering on the possessions of Phineas Pemberton. George Brown was never a member of the Society of Friends,