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Samuel Sands
Who first set the song in type

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Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, Md.

*In loving memory of a
Mother,
whose generous and self-sacrificing love
for her children
has never been surpassed, this little volume is
most reverently and devotedly inscribed*

The Author

Washington, D. C., March 1st, 1911

FOREWORD

This volume is designed to give a better insight into the character, and to make known the many and varied talents and achievements, of Francis Scott Key, for in composing his tribute to his country's flag, contained in the beautiful lines of the "Star Spangled Banner," the splendor with which he crowned his name has shone so brightly that it has extinguished the brilliancy of his many other great deeds and signal services, so that little, if anything, is known of them.

A belief that the American people will be interested in learning something of the author of their National Anthem, as a man, a lawyer, orator and statesman, as well as a poet and patriot, has prompted the preparation and publication of this book, a task by no means light, involving both courage and industry. Should it be graciously received the author will not regret the labor, research and time expended.

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