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"It is a reverend thing to see an ancient castle or building
not in decay, or to see a fair timber tree sound and perfect;
how much more to behold an ancient noble family which
hath stood against the waves and weathers of time? for new
nobility is but the act of power, but ancient nobility is the
act of time."—Bacon, "*Of Nobility*," *Essay XIV.*

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I HAVE long realized the fact that *everyone* has a Pedigree, and that, whether gentle or simple, all who live beyond the present hour must have an interest, latent possibly in many instances, in those who have gone before them. Therefore I have written this book.

I have always found that the great drawback to the majority of Heraldic and Genealogical compilations is their extreme dryness; an enormous mass of uninteresting detail must of necessity be waded through in order to arrive at one single item interesting or applicable to individual cases, whereas it has been my aim to produce something to interest as well as to instruct those who wish to ascertain particulars about their ancestors.

I have had, of course, to use the language of Heraldry in connection with matters Heraldic, but I have endeavoured to make that language as plain

and simple as possible, as I hope my readers will admit. I have also given as much information as is necessary to enable the Amateur to set about working up his origin in the most economical and reliable manner, and with this end in view I have added from my experience the most probable modern sources of information.

Should any of my readers have any hints to offer in view of a Second Edition, or should they desire further assistance in the matters I treat of, I shall be very happy to receive and attend to their communications if they will address me through my publishers.

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November 17th, 1888.

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