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TO

William H. Crocker,

OF SAN FRANCISCO.

THIS LITTLE WORK IS LOVINGLY

DEDICATED.

PREFACE.

This genealogy and the little sketch of the life of Seth Read, were commenced several years ago, as the result of interest roused by gathering data necessary for admission to the "Society of the Sons of the Revolution."

A thorough search of public documents was then made, and it seemed a fitting tribute to the memory of the Pioneer at Erie (on the one-hundredth anniversary of his settlement there) to publish them and save from oblivion the name so honorably borne through a short but active life.

The intention was to publish but six copies, these to be illustrated by as many portraits of his descendants as could be secured.

Copies were made from portraits, prints, sketches, faded daguerreotypes, miniatures and photographs, forming a collection of nearly one hundred pictures. Many of them are quaint,

others doing little justice to the originals, but all interesting and the best to be had.

Now that the work is ready for the press, so many have generously assisted, by lending precious pictures and giving important information, and family interest seems so generally roused, it is decided to issue a small edition without the portraits.

Every effort has been made to reach each branch of the family. The idea being not to confine the genealogical record (after we reach Seth Reed) to those of the name of Reed, but to trace all his lineal descendants.

In a few instances it has been impossible to find persons wanted, and some have refused to give the necessary data, owing to the trouble involved, or from not having kept a record of family events and dates; others, again, ignoring letters requesting information, although a second effort was made in every instance. It is with regret that any are left out.

The uniform courtesy with which letters have been answered, even by many who never

before knew of my existence, calls for grateful acknowledgment here, and hearty thanks are extended for all assistance rendered.

It will be noticed how often the spelling of the name is changed. For several generations in America it was written Read, but Col. Seth himself frequently wrote it with the two e's, although usually with the a. After they came to Erie the a is lost sigñt of entirely, and it is doubtful if many of the family now living know that it ever belonged in the name.

At the end of the work will be found the genealogy of Hannah Harwood, wife of Seth Read, beginning with the first of the name in America.

To my husband I am indebted for the information gathered by patient research through State and County papers, long journeys to find some baffling link or date and for the illustrations copied. But for his zeal and industry the work would have been very imperfect.

MARY HUNTER BUFORD.

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