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DEDICATION
TO THE
PRECIOUS MEMORY
OF

BEATRICE BYERLY, NEE GULDIN.

Who escaped Pontiac's Confederates and bore her tender babes through the wilderness from Bushy Run to Fort Ligonier in 1763; who with the help of Mrs. Harmon organized and conducted a Sunday School at Fort Walthour in Westmorland County, Pennsylvania, during the dark and dangerous days of the Revolution; and who was a blessing to hundreds of pioneer settlers by her deeds of Christian charity and patriotic devotion during a long and eventful life, this little volume is dedicated by one of her grateful descendants

"THOUGH HEAVEN ALONE RECORDS THE TEAR
AND FAME SHALL NEVER KNOW HER STORY,
HER HEART HATH SHED A DROP AS DEAR
AS ERE BEDEWED THE FIELD OF GLORY."

PREFACE.

This little volume has been prepared mainly for circulation among friends and relatives of the author. It contains reliable family traditions, running back to Provincial days, which they feel ought to be preserved in permanent form. Important historical events, of interest to the general reader, have also been emphasized, which had almost been engulfed in the waves of oblivion. A grateful sense of filial piety and patriotic obligation have constrained the author to recount the heroic deeds of pioneers who helped to lay the foundations of Church and State in the Western wilderness amid savage beasts and savage men. These records are of lasting interest especially to the numerous descendants of Andrew Byerly and his faithful wife, Beatrice Guldin, who first located, under the auspices of Col. Bouquet, on the banks of Bushy Run, to provide a relay station for express riders in their perilous trips between Fort Ligonier and Fort Pitt in provincial times.

Other poems of a sentimental and religious character, on a variety of topics, have been added. Their composition was a pleasant pastime amid sterner duties of ministerial service. The author hopes that they will not be without pleasure and profit to the indulgent reader.



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A RESPONSE TO THE "BLUE
JUNIATA."*)



THE Indian girl has ceased
to rove
Along the winding
river ;
The warrior Brave that won
her love,
Is gone, with bow and
quiver.

The valley rears another
race,
Where flows the Juniata ;
There maidens rove, with paler
face
Than that of Alfarata.

Where pine trees moan her re-
quiem wail,
And blue waves too are knell-
ing,
Through mountain gorge and fertile
vale,
A louder note is swelling,
A hundred years have rolled around,
The Red man has departed,

*) See Appendix Note A.