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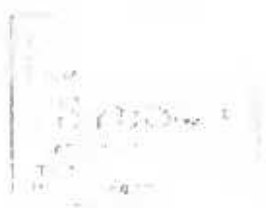
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MY CHILDREN
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MEMORY OF THEIR ANCESTRAL DEAD
THIS WORK IS
AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED
BY THE AUTHOR

TO THE END THAT WHAT HAS BEEN COLLECTED CONCERNING WHO THE LIVING ARE AND THE DEAD WERE, AND FROM WHENCE BOTH CAME, MAY BE PRESERVED

PREFACE

It may be stated that the following work, in plan and scope, is not what, at first, I had in mind to compile. My ideal of a family genealogy has been and is—to take the name of an ancestor who seated a family in the New World, and make that name the trunk line of the work, placing the immigrant and his wife as generation one in the work. Then I would run the lines of those first American ancestors back in the Old World as far as practically possible. Next, I would find and place all their descendants in America, irrespective of the changes in names through marriage. In coming down the line, when one in it is found to have married, I would trace the lines of the family, of him or her, thus allied to the trunk line, straight back, at least to the come-over, and over the seas if data were available.

Perhaps it is not possible to attain the measure of fullness here indicated under any circumstances likely to attend one undertaking it. But, be this as it may, I dislike the idea of a partial history of the descendants of an ancestor; and especially, when, from any cause, the parts omitted are a considerable portion of the whole. Such would, of necessity, have been the case, had I, with the material in hand, in any past stage of my search, compiled a genealogy of the descendants of Joseph¹ and Alice (Pepper) Clark, or of Lawrence¹ and Lydia (Townsend) Copeland, or of both, or of any other first American ancestors of my children.

It, therefore, became necessary to suspend the work on a genealogy, such as was at first contemplated, awaiting needed data, much of which, I had begun to suspect, might not be

found to become available in my time. In this view, and in order that much of the material collected might be more surely preserved than it would be likely to be, if left in promiscuous manuscripts, it occurred to me that I would arrange a partial history of the ancestors of my own, and quite a goodly number of other nearly related children, tracing, in the arrangement, as many lines back, as I could and have them, as single straight lines, complete, that is to say, with no generation missing. Hence the following compilation. In it are traced some 54 such lines, from the youngest generations now living, to some one of their immigrant ancestors, who were of the earliest settlements in America.

Upon most of these lines the treatment is much broader than single straight lines, and includes all those persons found, who come within near degrees of relationship to the single lines traced. While the labor of tracing backward these related lines was not, in the first place, undertaken, as preparatory to, nor, as before stated, with the view then to this compilation; yet, such family lines as have been traced through, from the present time back to the come-over are here utilized as warp of the web of the work. For woof, such material as has been found along the warp lines is used.

Any one, in tracing, ancestrally, no farther back than to the 11th generation preceeding his own, will find, if there has been no intermingling of the lines by the marriage of parties related by consanguinity, 4094 persons from whom he is descended; 2048 of these would be his great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great grand-parents. The other 2046 would be apportioned to the intervening generations, according to the rules of geometrical progression. He would have two parents, four grand and eight great grand-parents, and so on, doubling at each generation, as the search is extended backward, or goes on up the lines.

In the work following, doubtless, errors have crept in; it would, perhaps, be singular if there had not; but it will be

a source of ample gratification should the researches and the records here made of them serve, in some measure, to perpetuate the memories of such of those who early seated families in the New World, and of such of their descendants, as have been traced and herein placed. The record embraces some of the early founders, and, in later generations, workmen upon the State Structure of America,—work of the PEOPLE and not of Kings or Emperors—wherein all did well their parts; grew weary by the way, and—

“To reach that realm on the other shore
Have passed through a transient gloom;
Have walked unseen, unhelped, alone,
Through that covered bridge—the tomb.”

Lincoln, Maine.

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