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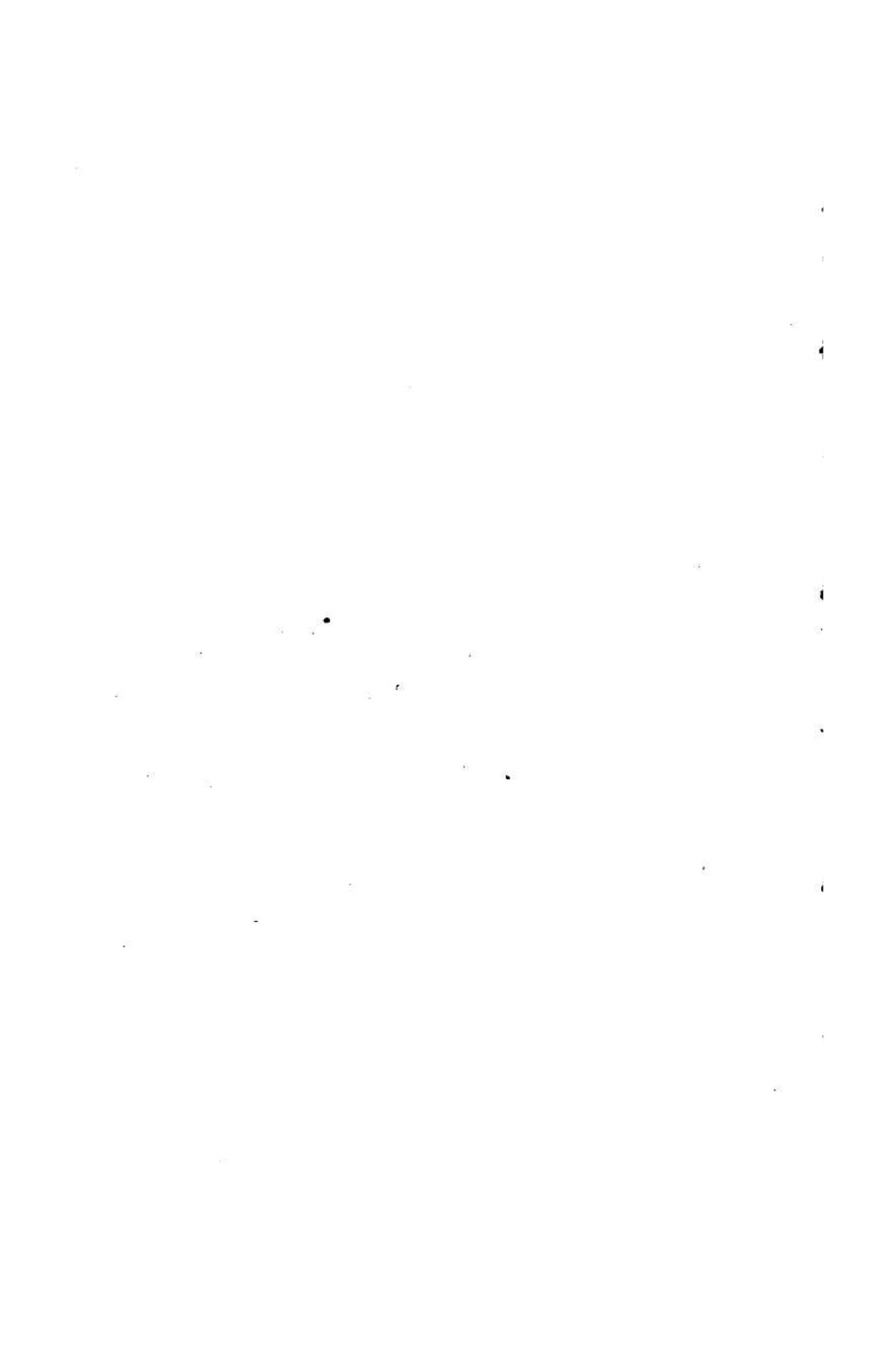
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PREFATORY NOTE.

MR. JAMES W. NORTH, in his valuable History of Augusta, printed in the year 1870, gives a sketch of the life of my grandfather, the Honorable Daniel Cony, but traces his lineage no farther back than one generation, while giving us the names of his grandparents, — Nathanael and Abigail Cony. Judge Cony, however, by reason of his important public services in shaping and promoting the prosperous future of Augusta, as well as on account of his striking traits of character, was too conspicuous a citizen not to be the subject of further genealogical research. The writer, therefore, having abundant leisure and a strong inclination for the work, has undertaken to discharge what he considers a filial duty in this respect, and affectionately submits the following pages to family inspection, asking only their charitable judgment in determining the measure of his success.

Whatever that may be thought to be, it is largely owing to the very obliging disposition and the repeated favors of Mr. George Gatfield, of the Department of Manuscripts in the British Museum, London.

JOSEPH H. WILLIAMS.

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PART I.
COŃY ANCESTRY.

IN the Family Bible of Deacon Samuel Cony — an Oxford edition printed in 1757, bought by him in Boston, and afterward the property of his youngest son, Daniel — is the following entry, in the son's handwriting, made in 1830:—

“The family, by the name of Cony, migrated from England at an early period of the settlement of our country, and settled in Boston, New England.”

The first historical trace of the name, so far as is known to me, is to be seen in the “Roll of Battle Abbey.” In the printed copy of that Roll, as given in the “New England Historic Genealogical Register,” vol. ii., the name stands “R. de Cony.”

Froissart in his “Chronicles” of England, France, etc., vol. i. chap. 224, mentions a village of the name of “Connie,” in Beauce, election of Châteaudun, and says: “The Castle of Connie, which had done so much mischief to all the country round, surrendered to the Duke of Burgundy (1364), and he gave it to a squire of Beauce, who repaired it, and garrisoned it with good and trusty men.”