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P R E F A C E .

MR. SAMUEL WATERS ALLERTON, of Chicago, Illinois, in issuing this revised edition of the "Allerton Family," does not intend to detract from the great credit to be given Mr. Walter S. Allerton for his publication of 1885, but simply to add facts which have been found since that time, and to correct errors which almost invariably occur in Genealogies through incorrect family records thought to be true when published, but afterward found otherwise.

In the preface to the edition of 1885 Mr. Walter S. Allerton says, in part:

Pride of ancestry is common to all ages and all peoples, and it is an entirely proper and justifiable sentiment. We know that man, like other animals, possesses the power to transmit to his offspring the mental and physical characteristics that have been most prominent in himself. Students of social science tell us that the children of criminals are apt to prove criminals themselves, and other things being equal, the man who can trace his descent through a dozen generations of honest men is for that very reason more likely to prove himself an honest man.

The history of the Allerton family is a strong proof of the enduring quality of family traits and characteristics, both physical and mental, for we find in members of two branches, that have been entirely separated for two centuries, the same physical appearance and the same mental peculiarities. We find in a majority of the family to-day many resemblances in personal appearance to their common ancestor, and we find still more prominent the same peculiarities of mind and dis-

position. We are proud to recognize the same spirit of honesty and independence that led him to cast in his lot with the adventurers of New Plymouth, and the same broadness of mind and toleration of the opinions of others that brought him into conflict with the narrow spirit of puritanism. We claim a share of his courage and his enterprise, and we admit that we have also inherited somewhat of his quick temper and of his wandering disposition and unsettled spirit. The Allertons have ever been wanderers; they can point to no one place as the home of their family, the same restless spirit that led their ancestors up and down upon the earth has appeared to be always with them. It is only in a few rare cases that we find the son continuing to dwell where his father dwelt before him; and this fact, while affording another proof of the possession of common traits of character, has rendered it difficult to collect a complete genealogical record of the family.

The author began the work of collecting material for a family history some ten years since, and pursued it in such time as could be spared from the practice of his profession, but he soon found that another had been for a long time at work in the same field. The late Mead Allerton of Newark, Wayne County, New York, after working for many years at this task, left at his death a large and valuable manuscript, which was placed in the author's hands by his widow, and from which many details for this volume were obtained, especially in regard to the fourth, fifth and sixth generations of the Rhode Island and New York branches. Mead Allerton had not been able, however, to collect much information about the New Jersey branch, and to obtain this has been the most difficult part of the work.

The name of Allerton is one that is comparatively common in some parts of England, and there are several families now in the United States who are in no way related to us, being emigrants from England themselves or descendants of such,—a list of these Allertons will be found at the end of the genealogical record. The beauty of the name has also caused it to be frequently used by novelists and other writers,

and it has also been occasionally assumed by persons not belonging to the family, some of whom have not been of a character calculated to reflect credit on any family.

Where nearly every one to whom the author has applied for information has gladly responded, it may seem unfair to mention any in particular, but while the author takes this opportunity to thank all who have in any manner assisted him, he feels that the members of the family generally ought to know the names of those who have rendered particular service. Besides Mead Allerton to whom the greatest credit is due for many years of patient and painstaking research, the author has received valuable assistance from the following persons:

Mrs. Jane G. Allerton, of Salem, Ohio.
 James M. Allerton, of Port Jervis, New York.
 Orville H. Allerton, of Newark, New York.
 Mrs. Clara E. Delap, of Osnaburgh, Ohio.
 Charles B. Allerton, of Keokuk, Michigan.
 Ezekiel Allerton, of Roanoke, Indiana.
 Lemira C. Allerton, of Youngstown, Ohio.
 Jasper Tildén, of Jefferson, Wisconsin.
 Mrs. James Kynett, of Alliance, Ohio.
 H. D. Hutson, of Deerfield, Ohio.

WALTER S. ALLERTON,

New York, December, 1888.

Up to the present time some facts concerning the early generations have not been found in town, church or probate records, and for that reason have been questioned, but a careful study of all the facts attest the statement that, in the main, they are undoubtedly true. Reference is made in this connection to the Appendix added to this edition.

Mr. Mead Allerton did not keep a record of the authority from which he derived his information but, when of sufficient character to satisfy him, the simple statement of facts was made. In these early generations Mr. Walter S. Allerton merely completed his work. In

the later generations, with few exceptions, this edition is practically a reprint of that of 1828, so ably compiled by the author.

The arrangement of families has been materially changed and in order that reference may be quickly made the following suggestions are offered, viz.:

The figures directly preceding and following each name indicate the number of the child in the family and the generation, the marginal number is the general number.

With the head of each family is shown his marginal number, below you find his children, turn back where his marginal number shows him as a child and you find his parents. Note the marginal number against any one of his children, turn forward to where that number appears as the head of a family, and there you will find that child's children.

This edition of the Allerton Family is published with the knowledge and consent of Mr. Walter S. Allerton, who has also assisted in its preparation. The major portion is a reprint of the first edition. It is hoped that each family will enter the later records of their individual family on the blank pages at the end of the volume.

HORACE TRUE CURRIER.

Chicago, Illinois, 1900.

THE ALLERTON FAMILY.

In reviewing the history of the Allerton Family one very marked feature which arrests our attention is the slow growth, in numbers, prior to about the year 1750.

Isaac¹, of the Mayflower, left but one son who remained in New England, viz.: Isaac², and he in turn left Isaac³, born in New Haven, Conn., and Willoughby³, born in Virginia.

The Virginia line is not carried forward, in detail, although proper reference is made to it, for the reason that, as early as 1700, the male line became extinct. This line is not important, therefore, to later generations of Allertons.

Isaac³ born in New Haven in 1655 thus becomes the progenitor of all Allertons of the later generations.

Since 1750 the family has largely increased in numbers, and at the present time there are several hundred persons living who are Allertons by birth and lineal descendants of Isaac of the Mayflower.

His descendants may be said to embrace three branches; the Rhode Island branch, being the descendants of John⁴; the New York branch, being the descendants of Isaac⁴, and the New Jersey branch, being the descendants of Zachariah⁴.

The history of the Rhode Island branch is very brief; they resided in Rhode Island and in Windham County, Connecticut, and were generally farmers, but many of the sons of this family died young and unmarried. The branch is now practically extinct, there being only one male descendant of John⁴ now known to be living.