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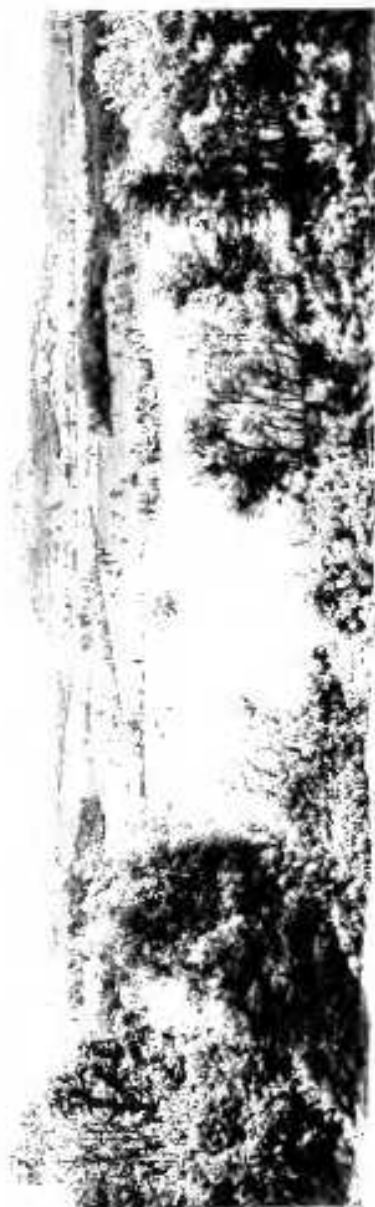
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Lancaster,
The Committee
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TO

DAVID PAGE, SENIOR

EMMONS STOCKWELL

DAVID PAGE, JUNIOR

EDWARDS BUCKNAM

AND

RUTH PAGE STOCKWELL

"WHO REDEEMED LANCASTER FROM THE WILDERNESS"

THIS BOOK IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED

BY THE CITIZENS OF LANCASTER

A CENTURY AND A HALF LATER

Foreword

Del. 1763-1764

LATE in the summer of 1763, David Page (Junior) and Emmons Stockwell, acting for David Page (Senior) of Petersham, Massachusetts, blazed a trail from Haverhill, New Hampshire, then held by the elder Page, to what was known as "Upper Cohos," and took possession of the tablelands, under a charter issued by Governor Wentworth for the opening of a new plantation named Lancaster. In the following spring, after a winter of hardship, the two youthful pioneers were joined by David Page (Senior), Edwards Bucknam, Timothy Nash and George Wheeler, forming the vanguard of the settlement. It has, therefore, been customary to date the settlement of Lancaster from the arrival of this little company of resolute men, joined later in the year by Ruth Page, a young woman of eighteen, destined to play a leading part in the infant colony.

The citizens of Lancaster, New Hampshire, assembled in town meeting an hundred and fifty years later, voted, upon motion of Merrill Shurtleff, Esquire, to observe the 150th Anniversary of the Settlement. In accordance with that motion a sum of money, later increased by private subscriptions, was appropriated and a managing committee of nine was appointed—three members by the Board of Trade, three by the Unity Club, and three by the local Granges.

The success of the Anniversary held upon August 9th, 11th, 12th and 13th, 1914, was such as to lead the Committee, in response to requests, to perpetuate the records in the form herewith submitted.

