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INTRODUCTION.

We dedicate this volume to the memory of our worthy and esteemed ancestor, Ludwig Knauss, and his two sons, John Heinrich and Sebastian Heinrich, and their descendants.

They were a people of peace and quiet, unassuming, but conscientious in their line of toil. Nearly all of them tilled the soil, but some followed other manual pursuits.

The generation of the present day is not confined to the farm and the workshop. It has honored representatives in the professions, in the sciences and mechanic arts, in manufacture, in business, in music, in the school-room, in the office, on the platform, at the bar, in medicine, in the army and navy and in the pulpit. It graces every walk in life.

May the descendants of Ludwig Knauss lead honorable and respected lives and aspire to every thing that is worthy, honorable and noble. The influence on posterity in the United States of such ancestors as we honor, cannot be overestimated. May this work prove such an incentive to the future representatives of the family, now spread over nearly every part of the United States, that all may lead such noble lives as shall prove them worthy descendants of a noble sire.

PREFACE.

The object of the following genealogy is to preserve from oblivion the more remote history of the pioneer ancestors of the Knauss family, and to place upon record the names and biographies of the descendants down to the present time and generation.

Genealogies are profitable, inasmuch as they are of great interest to all descendants, and become more and more so to future generations in tracing back their lineage.

There is a growing feeling in many families in this respect, and family pride is aroused and increasing with a desire to know more of their ancestry.

The original design of the author was to prepare a history and form the genealogy of one branch of the family only, but others desiring to have their names and families recorded, prevailed on the author to include all such families that were related to the Knauss family and who would be willing to give the necessary information and data.

The work of collecting names and other necessary data was commenced in 1903. The collecting and arranging of the matter into a regular genealogical report was undertaken by the secretary of our organization, Mr. Tilghman J. Knauss, of Etnaus, Pa., a direct descendant of Sebastian Heinrich Knauss, himself of the sixth generation.

This undertaking involved an enormous amount of labor and patience. The result of this effort, after twelve years of hard and arduous work is that our genealogical record contains about 3,000 names, and our regular mailing list contains the names of about 1,000 heads of families.

It is to be regretted that some families failed to respond to requests and inquiries for full and accurate family records—without which it is impossible to form a reliable genealogical record. Some failed to answer and others gave only partial lists, but we are glad that the large number of friends responded more fully

and made it possible to form a record that will prove valuable and interesting. We are confident that our friends will not pass judgment too hastily, and criticise too harshly.

If the compilation had commenced earlier, when descendants of the third and fourth generations, or even the fifth, could have been consulted much valuable and interesting information could be recorded. It has been the aim and purpose of the authors to make every part as complete and accurate as possible. However, with all these efforts and good intentions, we are aware that many imperfections exist, but we plead that the difficulties were almost insurmountable, and the work is somewhat incomplete. The work was drawn out longer and the completion of the history delayed for various reasons, chiefly for want of sufficient time to devote to it to the exclusion of other work, because both authors were employed in their regular avocations, and most of the work on the compilation of this history had to be done by them when other people rested or slept, but this being mostly a work of love, it was carried on to completion regardless of compensation, honor or glory.

The explanations are given under the several headings wherever found necessary.

We acknowledge ourselves indebted to many of the friends for kindness in furnishing information for the history and the genealogical report. A number of the prominent family and genealogical histories have been consulted and the parts adapted to our work were followed. Among these books are those of the Clewell, Bertolett, Kulp, Kratz and other family histories. Prominent among those who have shown great interest in the work and furnished help and much information, as well as encouragement and inspiration are the following: Stephen T. Keck, James J. Hauser, Joseph S. Iobst, Revs. S. H. Gapp, A. E. Abel and L. P. Clewell, of the Moravian Church; Rev. Dr. Charles J. Cooper, to the Moravian church at Emaus, Pa., for granting the use of the valuable Church archives, to August H. Leibert, of Bethlehem, Pa., to Charles C. Roberts, to O. P. Knauss, to O. J. Knauss, to Prof. James O. Knauss, Jr., to Prof. Edward E. Knauss, to the publishers of the History of Lehigh County, Pa., edition of 1914.