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In presenting this REGISTER to the people of Farmington, Milton and Wakefield, we wish to acknowledge our indebtedness for historical data to articles written by Mrs. Adelaide ~~Alley~~ ^{Alley} Waldron and Mr. Ned Parker on Farmington, to Mr. Arthur Thad Smith's address at Milton's Centennial Celebration, and to the Rev. Albert Thompson's sketch on Wakefield in the History of Carroll County; also to the town records and documents kindly furnished by Messrs. White, Avery and Garvin, the clerks of these towns, to the clerks and pastors of the different churches, and to all the various sources from which our information has been obtained. Realizing the limitations of space, it has not been possible to deal with minor details, the purpose being to put the history in brief form into the great majority of the homes in these towns. We wish to thank the people here for their cordial encouragement and aid, for their courtesy and good will, in a word for the way in which they have "stood behind" the undertaking. We hope that they will find the REGISTER something which is worth while and for the most part authentic and satisfactory.

INTRODUCTION.

The group of towns included in this work, are located in the southeastern section of the State of New Hampshire; Farmington and Milton in the County of Strafford, and Wakefield in the County of Carroll.

The region in which they lie is for the most part hilly and broken, traversed by mountains which rise to a considerable height, and divide it into valley and small plateaus, through which flow many beautiful streams, the outlets of the ponds and lakes in which this section abounds.

It is a picturesque region, only a few miles from the majestic Winnepesaukee, and within sight of the White Mountains, whose peaks towering far into the heavens, can be seen by the naked eye from the many elevations in these towns, which are just far enough removed from the "White Hills" to be outside the mountain country on the north.

Combining the attractions of hill and lake, with stretches of low land and valley, this region has many attractions for every lover of the beautiful in Nature. Here, centuries ago, the Indian hunted and fished, and the wild beast roamed through the forest which man and animal shared alike, and which extended in unbroken, primeval vastness over upland and lowland to the waters of the sea.

In 1623, the white man came, and made the earliest settlement in New Hampshire, at Dover, (Cocheco). The conflict between the races which so soon after ensued, continued for more

than a hundred years, and this section was the scene of many a terrible and bloody struggle, like that which occurred when

“The Indian hordes came down

At midnight on Coheco town.”

The people of today little realize how great were the hardships and privations which their forefathers endured, how terrible were the years of suffering and conflict; first against the wild beasts and the Indians; then the Indians of the North and their allies, the French; and finally against England to secure the liberty and freedom without which life is not worth while.

More than one and a quarter centuries have passed since our country became a nation, and the changes that have come with the years are very great.

The Indian has gone forever from New Hampshire, swept away by the superior strength and numbers of the white conquerors, and by the advance of civilization. Sometimes we unearth here and there, fragments of pottery, a bit of flint, a weapon perhaps, these are all that remain as relics of a departed race, and doubtless, they mingle in the earth with the dust of their former owners. The wild beasts, too, are gone, the forests that sheltered them have melted away. The old Winnepeaukee trail, which the Indian followed in his journeys to and from the interior of the State, and the region to the north, is traversed by the railroad of modern days; the bridle paths of the settlers have given way to roads and drives; the wigwams and crude villages of the Indians, and the little clearings of the settlers, have been replaced by well-tilled farms, broad meadow lands, and villages; industry and commerce rule where once war and bloodshed occupied men's thoughts and stirred them, and