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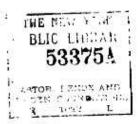
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PREFACE

When I was a boy, my attention was drawn to the early history of this community by my parents, my grand-parents, and my great-grand-father in narrating to me occurrences, incidents and reminiscences which related to local affairs on both sides of the Lehigh River. My mother's great-grand-parents (the Mickleys) located in Whitehall township near Egypt along Coplay Creek in 1733, and her grand-parents (the Swartzes) in the Irish Settlement along Dry Run in 1787. My father migrated from Mauch-Chunk to Biery's-Port in 1830; I was born on the Christian Swartz plantation in 1839; and my parents established their residence at Catasaugua in 1845; and here I have been until now, excepting my absence from home while serving in the Civil War from 1861 to 1864.

I was admitted to the Bar of Lehigh County in 1868, and, during a long practice of my profession as an attorney-at-law at Catasauqua since that time, my business related almost wholly to the settlement of estates and the transmission of title to property in the borough and the surrounding townships; and, besides being thus identified with local affairs as a legal adviser, I was practically concerned for a time in the administration of the local government as a Justice of the Peace and Chief Burgess. It was in this manner that I became thoroughly familiar with all the

90 30 important matters and things of the community, not only of a financial and political nature, but of an historical nature as well.

With this knowledge of the early local affairs, quite naturally, therefore, when the people of Catasauqua determined to celebrate the "Seventy-fifth Anniversary" of the founding of the town, I united with other interested citizens to make the necessary preparations for the extraordinary occasion; and now, as the Chairman of the Historical Committee, I submit this compilation, limited to the "Early History," as my contribution towards its proper observance. It will be noticed that I confined the compilation to the times anterior to the Civil War, excepting several prominent matters which I could not well present only partly described.

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February 12, 1914.

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