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TO THE MEMORY OF MY
DEAR MOTHER

MRS. JULIETTE NASH PAGE

Whose high ideals, pure life, true Christianity, love of
home and interest in everything which re-
lated to the welfare of her family
has been an inspiration
to me throughout
life

THIS BOOK IS AFFECTIONATELY
DEDICATED

*"Between two breaths what crowded mysteries lie—
The first short gasp, the last and long drawn sigh!
Like phantoms painted on the magic slide,
Forth from the darkness of the past we glide,
As living shadows for a moment seen;
Traced by a ray from one unchanging flame,
Then seek the dust and stillness whence we came."*

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

INTRODUCTORY.

Some years ago an insignificant-appearing, although well-dressed young man of "dandy-like" manners, when talking with a business man, said: "I want you to understand that I am a descendant of the noted Lord Bernham, of England." The business man looked him over from head to foot and then remarked, "Gracious heaven! what a descent."

Now, while I do not believe that any of our family are addicted to ancestry worship, still it is quite interesting to look up our ancestors and it is pleasing to note that the Page family is a very old one, which has been prominent in certain sections since the Middle Ages. In first starting to trace up the genealogy my object was simply to prove my ancestry so as to secure membership in the society called the Sons of the American Revolution, but I had so much trouble and started on so many false scents that it inspired me with a resolution to conquer the problems presented. I became so much interested that I decided to tabulate the results of my researches for the benefit of my children and for relatives, knowing that as the years passed it would constantly become more difficult to secure the information.

It has required a voluminous correspondence with a host of relatives and friends in all parts of the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific and also in Canada, England and Australia, and there are many relatives to whom I owe

thanks for their assistance in this work. I desire particularly, however, to acknowledge the great help received from Miss Emma Goring, of St. Catherine's, Ontario, and Levi F. Bauder, of Cleveland, Ohio. I have also made several lengthy trips to consult with people who were possessed of certain information which was important and I visited the old family home towns in Massachusetts, New York, Ohio and Canada. Much time has been spent in the great genealogical libraries in Boston, Chicago and Washington, D. C., in addition to many of the state and city libraries, searching thousands of volumes of genealogies, town and county histories, reference books, war records, census books, English and Canadian historical works, etc. Also in looking over the manuscripts in the War and Pension Departments in Washington and examining an immense mass of old letters and papers in the hands of relatives. I have employed professional genealogists to assist in the search and several friends in England and Canada have delved into the libraries and official court records and vital statistics of these countries.

This book is the result, and by frequent revision I have tried to give exact information. I do not claim that it is absolutely correct and infallible, for

"I cannot say what the truth may be,
But I tell the tale as 'twas told to me."

It is hoped that every one who finds an error in this record will send at once a correction of same. Should such changes and additions be sufficient to warrant it we will publish a revised edition.

While it is well to take an interest in our ancestry and take pride in their achievements still it is best to remember that

"It is not birth, nor rank, nor state,
It's git up and git, that makes men great."

Let us emulate their good characteristics and strive to push to the front and so live that our descendants need not be ashamed of their family record.

"WHO CAN SHED MORE LIGHT?"

This book is not complete. It lacks data which I have been unable to secure. Perhaps you can furnish some information which can be used in a future edition for the benefit of the family, particularly along the following lines:

First. Additional authentic statements regarding the early history of the family either in England or America.

Second. Additional information regarding the Great Page Estate.

Third. Further history of Thomas Page who lived in Leominster, Mass., at the time of the Revolutionary War. Date and place of his death; where buried and copy of inscription on his tombstone.

Fourth. Brief history and photos or copies of portraits of prominent members of the family, particularly those who lived at an early date.

Fifth. I particularly desire a copy of the brief printed genealogical statement which was printed I believe about the year 1830. My father had a copy of it in our family bible but it was lost out of same about 1860. Owing to its being in print there were doubtless quite a number of copies issued and sent to relatives and probably some copies are still in existence. It probably contained information which would be of much benefit.