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PREFACE.

In writing the sketches of the Old Historic families of Marshfield, I have taken especial pains to be as accurate as possible in my descriptions, but as there are comparatively few genealogies of Marshfield families published, I was obliged to go to the homes of these families and interview them, and find out what they knew about their ancestors. Some could not go back farther than the Revolution, which included their grandfathers, and with some their great-grandfathers. An account of these generations, some had written in their Bibles, and some recited from memory the account of their ancestry from generation to generation. Many whom I interviewed could trace their ancestry back to the old colonial days of the Pilgrims, and I was much surprised to find so many now living in Marshfield who had descended from the old colonial families living here in 1630, 1635, and 1650. And what Wm. T. Davis, Esq., Plymouth's noted historian, said at our "Old Home Week's festivities last summer, that "Marshfield stood next to Plymouth in historic importance in relation to the colonists and Pilgrims of that early period, I found to be true.

I have also included sketches from the soldiers of their experience and observations during the Civil War. Most of them have responded to my invitation. Some have not. I have given all a chance.

There are a very few families in town that I have not been able to get any account of their ancestry. Either they have not kept any track of their ancestors, or take no interest in their family history.

Some of the records of marriages of early settlers did not give the surnames of the wives before marriage, and a great many dates of births and deaths could not be traced.

I desire to credit the following for their voluntary offering in furnishing me sketches of their families and other families with whom they were familiar.

Mrs. Emma M. C. and Miss Amy Bates, Mrs. Sarah Bosworth of Pembroke, Mr. E. E. Williamson, Mrs. J. H. Bourne, Miss Mary Tilden, Mrs. Nellie Ewell Vining, Miss Grace Hatch, Franklin W. Hatch, Rev. A. M. Sherman, J. H. Eames, Mrs. Rosella Taylor, Vernon Briggs' book, Dr. Azel Ames, C. Porter Wright, Walter Clift, Will Sprague, M. Herman Kent, Col. H. A. Oakman, Elisha Sprague, Miss Sarah E. Leonard, Mrs. Louisa A. Sprague, and others interviewed who gave a brief account of their families.

EXPLANATION.

It will be necessary to explain some of the figures used in the family sketches, that the reader may more readily understand the genealogical method in tracing the generations of each family and the children's place therein. The Roman numerals used, (such as IV.) designate the number of children of the head of each family, and numbered in the order of their birth. The small, common numbers, after the name of each child, and above it, designate the generation to which they belong. For example, "James⁵" belongs to the fifth generation from the starting point, not necessarily in every instance from the Pilgrim or colonial ancestor, because some ancestors did not come to Marshfield for three or four generations after the Pilgrims, and some families cannot be traced back farther than the revolution. So if the record of a family cannot be found earlier than say, 1778, the generations will be reckoned from there. That being the first, and the next generation of children the second, and so on.

The record at the head of each family or generation, such as John Smith,⁵ I trace back to the first ancestor, for example, John Smith's⁶ father, and grandfather and great grandfather, and so on to the first ancestor, and is put down as follows: (William,⁴ John's father, is in the fourth generation, and John's grandfather, Caleb,³ is down as the third generation, and John's,² great grandfather, Thomas,¹) is down as the second generation, and his first ancestor, Peter,¹ is down as the first generation. And as is sometimes the case in some families, there are as many as eight or nine gen-

erations to the present list or generation of children. The above family will read in brief: (William,⁴ Caleb,³ Thomas,² Peter,¹) and that gives John Smith's ancestry back to the first ancestor. I have endeavored to give the record in each case in all the families, where possible, throughout the history that the reader can tell in each instance at once, without further reference, each generation back to his first ancestor recorded.

ABBREVIATIONS.

b. stands for born—d for died—m. or mar. for married—unm. for unmarried—w. or wi. for wife—dan. for daughter—col. for colonial—ances. for ancestor—res. for resides—hus. for husband.

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