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To
THE DESCENDANTS OF THE MINUTE-MEN,
WHO, TRUE TO THEIR NAME,
MUSTERED AT THE MIDNIGHT ALARM AND
MET THE MINISTERIAL TROOPS ON APRIL 19TH, 1775,
THIS BOOK IS RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED
BY THE PUBLISHER,
LUKE BLANCHARD, OF ACTON, MASS.,
A GRANDSON OF CALVIN
AND GRAND-NEPHEW OF LUTHER BLANCHARD.

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DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATIONS.

THE START FOR CONCORD.

The picture of Captain Isaac Davis leading his company of minute-men from his house, April 19th, 1775, is reproduced from a painting by Mr. Arthur F. Davis. The picture is considered natural.

THE OLD NORTH BRIDGE, CONCORD, MASS.

The author of this book, in making a picture of the Old North Bridge and the Major Buttrick house on the hill, has followed the suggestions of a picture by Doolittle and Earle, made about three months after the Concord fight; while for the adjacent country he has followed nature as it is at the present time, which is, probably, in its main features, about as it was in 1775. The ground on the northerly side of the bridge about the causeway is low, and at high water the river sometimes overflowed it. The causeway was short, and turned easterly by the upland, and entered the highway which led to the neighborhood of Major Buttrick's house. The point of view from which the picture was taken is on the southerly side of the river, a few rods above the bridge.

THE JONATHAN HOSMER HOUSE.

The picture of this house was sketched by the author, from a description given him by Mrs. Emeline Hall of West Acton, Mass., a granddaughter of Deacon Jonathan Hosmer. Mrs. Hall was born in the old Hosmer house in 1848, and lived there till she was eighteen years old. Her recollection of the house is quite distinct, and when the drawing was completed, she pronounced it natural. There formerly stood to the westerly of the house a shed and chaise-house; and a barn stood on the opposite side of the road. The tree on the south-easterly corner was an elm, and in the rear were several butternut trees. The house faced southerly. The front yard was large and unfenced. The present road from West Acton to South Acton was not in existence in 1775. The old road from Acton center, so much as is represented in the picture, is the same now, as formerly, and runs by the memorial stone, joining the West and South Acton road, nearly opposite the Herman A. Gould house. Formerly this road turned at a point near the Hosmer house, and went up the hill northerly of the present South Acton road; this latter section can still be traced by a cart-path. The front room to the south-westerly, which was entered by the side door, was used for the kitchen.