

HISTORY OF BROME

INTRODUCTION

"He, who takes no interest in the history of his ancestors,
does not deserve to be remembered by his posterity."

VERMONT

AS the greater number of the early families settling in Brome County came from New Hampshire and the territory called Hampshire Grants, which latter name in later times gave place to Vermont, and as New Hampshire once laid claim to land including Brome County, and as New Hampshire was largely settled from Massachusetts, the names which appear on the New Hampshire revolutionary rolls and elsewhere, in the Archives of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, facts connected with some of these, whom many people in Brome County will recognize as concerning their own ancestors, it may be well to give here such mention of them as has been found in searching through the Archives of Concord and Boston.

In official records the name of New Hampshire does not appear until 1629. Hampton was settled by people from Massachusetts. Hampton, Dover, Portsmouth and Exeter, towns of New Hampshire, were claimed by Massachusetts. So strong was the influence of this colony that for nearly forty years the name New Hampshire was seldom heard. The New Hampshire people were Royalists; those of Massachusetts, Puritans. When Charles II. came to the throne, New Hampshire rejoiced. Robert Mason, grandson and heir to Captain John Mason, the founder of the Province, was aggravated by the