

MEMOIRS

OF

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CHAPTER I.

HERE in Winnipeg, the City of the Plains, Manitoba, Canada, and in my 79th year, I set myself the task of writing my lineage and a biographical sketch of my life, together with various traditions incidental thereto, most of which may be interesting to my family and their descendants. Strange to say, that although my mind is clearer the further back it travels, at times I almost feel conscious of being asked the question—"How dare you in your decrepitude undertake such a task?" As if in reply, I will here state, that 40 years ago I set myself this task and completed it to that date; but as time went on, and further opportunity of more closely studying my subject was gained, I