

fully to realize the value of this class of information. Had I been earlier impressed with its importance, I could, I feel sure, have gathered, from lips now sealed in death, much matter in regard to our family history, which is now unattainable because no one took timely thought to gather and preserve it. Taught by this experience, I would urge every young man, whose eyes may light on these pages, to let slip no opportunity to search out and preserve in writing all available information as to his ancestry and family history, which, existing only in the memories of persons living, is liable at any time to be forgotten, or forever buried in the grave.

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It is my intention to distribute copies of this book among the descendants of William White, the Loyalist, and I will gladly, upon application made to me, give a copy to any such descendant to whom, or to whose immediate family, a copy shall not, at the time of application, have been already sent.

While, as I have already intimated, the work of collecting and verifying the information contained in this little volume proved much greater than I anticipated in undertaking the work, it has afforded pleasant occupation for many leisure hours during the closing years of a life which God has been mercifully pleased to extend long beyond the Scriptural span of three score years and ten.