

PREFACE



When this Autobiography was written, it was the intention of the author to have given a complete history of his Life and Times, with a special reference to the early settlement of Nissouri. However, after it was written so far the infirmities of old age came on, which prevented the accomplishment of his object. This accounts for its incomplete and fragmentary character. For this reason many interesting events and the names of individuals who were prominent in the early settlement of the township are unnoticed; but as it is it will be a valuable contribution toward preserving in a permanent form its early history. It will be a pleasing reminder to many who were personally acquainted with the author during his lifetime. In order to make the work as complete and interesting as possible, a few additional facts are given.

His Work as a Local Preacher

Being blessed with a strong physical constitution and great force of character, what he determined to do he did with all his might. His leading motive was not to amass property, except to provide for the reasonable wants of himself and family, nor to attain to the petty offices of the township, but to serve the church of his choice as a local preacher. When he commenced as a worker in the church