

## PREFACE

In preparing this family record, I am indebted to various members of the family who have very generously assisted me in my effort to collect reliable information by contributing much that would otherwise have been beyond my reach. Original documents and personal correspondence, handed down from the days of our forefathers, have been placed at my disposal, and from them I have been able to cull much that is of interest. With regard to the American Branch of the family I have been particularly fortunate in the collaboration of Mr. J. Lawrence Boggs, of Newark, New Jersey, whose intimate knowledge of that branch of the family has given to us what we know about its members. His genuine interest and hearty support in the production of this record have been an indispensable factor in its growth and publication. From his very valuable collection of old letters, wills, and business papers, which have been accessible to me, a collection which represents the work of years, I have gathered much that is found in the earlier pages of the record, as well as some of the copies of old documents found in the Appendix.

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I have also been able to consult the old records of Newcastle County, Delaware, in the Court House at Wilmington; records in the Library of the Pennsylvania Historical Society in Philadelphia; the parish records of St. Paul's Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia, with which Dr. James Boggs and his wife were connected during the last forty-five years of their lives, and the church home of not a few of their descendants. The tombstones in old St. Paul's and Camp Hill Cemeteries in Halifax have also yielded information, and much has been gathered from old newspaper files and other records in the Provincial Library at Halifax.

In my attempt to gather information, I have been repeatedly confronted by the fact that what was known to many of the generation which has almost gone is now beyond our reach. As a boy I have listened with intense interest to tales of other days told by my grandfather, which would be of great value in making this record, but, alas, they have gone with the one that told them and naught remains but a hazy recollection. Much has gone that we might have retained and ought to have recorded, and the loss emphasizes the desirability of preserving from a similar fate that which we still have from the past.