

PREFACE.

Prefaces are not yet out of date, and this little volume of mine calls for a few words of explanation for its production and doubtless of apology for its literary and other defects, of which the author trusts his readers will be rendered charitably oblivious by the interest he hopes to arouse by a recital of history that will appeal to each personally, because of its purely local character.

At the earnest and long-continued solicitation of many of the representatives (descendants) of families and former old residents along the Detroit River frontier, more particularly in the territory now covered by the present Town of Sandwich, City of Windsor and Town of Walkerville, I have endeavored to present a narrative touching the civil, religious and, to some extent, the social life of the fascinating past of this classic tract, teeming with stirring historic associations that appeal to the pride and patriotism of its residents. The value of the volume has been enhanced, I hope, by including photos of many of the representative men of a past day, as well as illustrations from old pictures and books. The author hopes that the interest of his readers will be equal to that of his own in collecting these materials, which really has been a labor of love.

This brief announcement cannot be closed without rendering thanks to all who in any way, or in any degree, have assisted with materials or information. Such help was always rendered cheerfully and without reserve.

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