

In older communities where carefully preserved records are readily available, the task would not have been so arduous, but in a comparatively new community such as ours, where the study of genealogy is limited to but a few people at most, the sources of information are in most cases remote and difficult of access.

In the preface Mr. White gives timely advice to the rising generation in the following words:

"I believe that most people, especially in later life, are interested in their family history, and anxious to learn as much as possible in regard to their family tree. At the same time I have to regret that it was not till within the last few years that I began fully to realize the value of this class of information. Had I been earlier impressed with its importance, I would, 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."

Mr. White thus concludes his carefully written preface:

"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 beyond the Scriptural span of three score years and ten.

"May I add, that much of the pleasure I have had in preparing this work has arisen from the hope I entertain, that the perusal of these pages may now and again help to recall or awaken in the minds of those who read them kindly thoughts of the writer, when the hand that now pens this is at rest forever."

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