

## INTRODUCTION.

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"You are doing what we should have done twenty years ago, before the old pioneers were gone." This was said by one of the most noted men of the Valley. At the time he spoke, I did not know how truly he spoke. When I began to hunt out the data of the early days, I was met by the oft repeated: "If you had only been here before grandfather died! Why, he could have told you just what you want to know!" With "Grandfather" dead, it has been a tedious task, but then the descendants of "Granpa" have been so delightful that time has not seemed long, and when I have finished and gone to another country, I am sure that my mind will ever return to these "Children of the Pioneers," for they have been kind to me.

I do not give this work as perfect—I was not here "twenty years ago," and have had to glean from their memories (some of which have proved little short of marvellous) and so have done what I could to preserve the records for succeeding generations. I do not give it as a perfect work, since in some instances, my only source of information was memories which were *not* marvellous, and as no written records had been kept, in these instances, I have been compelled to rely upon the best obtainable. As many will know, I have spared neither time nor effort in my search.

That many errors will have been recorded I do not doubt, but the errors are the reason of each family being more careful in the keeping of their family data. I have recorded as the facts have been given me. In subsequent editions, if subsequent editions there be, I shall be greatly pleased to correct anything not correct herein. Do not find fault—any one can do that, if not a thing else—but send corrections, if you would have accuracy to go down to the future.

I cannot pass without paying a just tribute to the memories of many a one who has helped me in this work, whose work on