

Dedication

"With what jealous care we should guard our heritage that we may pass it on unsullied to those who follow us."

"Aunt Sarah's" letter, 1794

This book is dedicated to you, to serve you in tracing our heritage of freedom in the historic surroundings of Scotch Plains.

A constant reminder of our forefathers' pioneer spirit is given us by the surprising number of early homes that are nestled in among our newer ones. It is not every town that can boast of at least thirty known pre-Revolutionary homes, and numerous other ones built before 1820, the early American period. For those interested in more detailed information about the homes we list in the back of this guidebook, it will be available at the Scotch Plains Public Library, where all our research material is being donated.

We are deeply grateful to the families who have graciously opened their homes for our tour, and we thank them most heartily. We also thank Mr. Philip Cobb, Chairman of the local Tercentenary Committee; architect Mr. Charles Detwiller, Jr., and photographer Mr. William Burke. A special debt of gratitude is expressed to Miss Louise Nicholl for making available the works of her sister, noted-antiquarian Marion Nicholl Rawson, prior to their posthumous publication. We also give a warm thank you to each woman from the Senior Club who helped us with hostessing.

This has been an entire club effort during the presidency of Mrs. Michael Tierney. Our artwork has been furnished by Mrs. John Kamen.

We fully appreciate and thank all of you who have contributed time to and interest in our endeavor.

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