

PREFACE

the old. Forgotten now is the bitterness of spirit felt by some whose sons and husbands remained loyal to Old England, and who were scorned by their old friends and neighbors as Tories.

In compiling this small record of by-gone days we have been privileged to consult many old letters and papers—treasured by their owners as precious relics of the past.

Miss Anna Littell, of old Raritan Road, and Mrs. William Buckley of Front Street have been most generous. From strong-boxes and chests have come many interesting documents. Many valuable papers in the custody of Mr. John Z. Hatfield of Stout Ave. concerning the early history of the old Baptist Church—and which in a great measure was a history of the village as well—have made it possible to provide a background for the narrative to be presented.

It was also necessary to consult in Essex and Somerset County Courthouses many wills and deeds of families known to have been early settlers in this neighborhood—in order to build a foundation for the genealogical data which forms a part of the history of the village.

The compiler of this brief record wishes to express her grateful appreciation for the kind assistance and unfailing encouragement extended to her by many old friends and neighbors.

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