



INTRODUCTION.

In presenting the following volume to the public it seems proper that I should explain the causes which led to its compilation.

The following resolution was adopted at the preliminary meeting of Our Association in February, 1898 :

Resolved, That a book be procured to register the names of the pioneers of this county, including the date of their birth and the time they settled in this county ; when and whom they married; the names and date of the birth of their children, their occupation, and place of their present residence. Also if a soldier in the war, the time they served and in what regiment and company.

A book was procured and at our annual festival of 1898 a lady pioneer was detailed to superintend the registration. The President invited all pioneers present to come to the Superintendent's desk and register. They were only asked to register their names and the date of their birth and the year they came to this county, as there was not time then for a more extended registration. One hundred pioneers responded to the invitation and registered that day.

I saw the interest manifested in said registration that day and concluded to give the book a general circulation and register all the pioneers I could find. As the result I have registered over 1200 names, including the children of the pioneers.

Such records, in time, may become almost invaluable in settling estates, as many people are very neglectful in keeping their family records. While circulating the register many persons expressed a desire for a copy, which induced me to get it printed.

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