

# FORWARD

**I**N THESE PAGES I have endeavored to record interesting incidents, anecdotes, and reminiscences of the older citizens of Springdale as well as some of the colorful history that should be recorded and kept for our children.

In August of 1946 Mr. Thore S. Spanem, Mr. Gilbert Gilbertson, and Mr. Albert Barton called on me as a committee and asked me to write the history of Springdale. Of this I can truthfully say I felt greatly honored and I have tried to collect history of interest to the present and coming generation. And, due to the help of many, the readers will find many interesting stories of our pioneer men and women of the town of Springdale.

You will learn of the trials and suffering and the hardships our forefathers endured. The early settlers did not realize how very valuable at this date would have been the history they made, and very little of the past records were saved. The Springdale township line begins about 15 miles southwest of the city of Madison, Wis., our state capitol. It, no doubt, received its name from the many beautiful springs and the rich fertile dales found throughout the township. Springdale's slogan is "SPRINGDALE—a hospitable rural community composed of progressive dairy farmers."

Rev. Amelia I. J. Pope, 438 W. Mifflin

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## Introduction

Following is a story of Springdale township, a unit of Dane County, one of the seventy-one counties of Wisconsin, admitted as the thirtieth State of the Union on May 29, 1848. It is a record of the life and experiences of the pioneers and early settlers of Springdale.

Therefore, coincident with the celebration of the Wisconsin State Centennial and the publication of the History of Springdale, I wish to commend this book and extend greetings from the Dane County Centennial Committee.

Cornelius A. Sorenson, Chairman