

FOREWORD

A great many individuals are currently researching their genealogy to identify ancestors and learn more about their family heritage. Much research is conducted through historical literature such as this original volume. True genealogists spend many hours each week researching and reliving the adventures and exploits of their ancestors.

There are four basic breeds of genealogist. The first does research for others for financial gain. The second are those who do their own research for their own benefit and refuse to share information or provide assistance to others. The third will share some of the information they have accumulated in the hopes of receiving needed information in return. The fourth breed stands apart. They are the dedicated individuals who will go out of their way to provide information and assistance to other researchers simply for the joy of helping.

This fourth breed is not the type who fails to answer requests or responds with a form letter saying that they have the information but do not have the time or resources to provide it to others. They tend to go out of their way and extend themselves to great lengths in order to surprise you with unexpected information and assistance. They are also the ones who listen to you lament the roadblocks you encounter and try to find other routes to the information you need.

Through our research we were fortunate to encounter Mara Munroe. She is the Historical and Genealogy Librarian at the Oshkosh Public Library. As she does with everyone, Mara has provided us with much valuable assistance and guidance in our research. As time permits, she goes beyond the scope of her job to help those in need, often when they need help the most. While scanning periodicals she has the ability to remember a name and also the name of the person who had expressed an interest in that name. Many times she has called to say she just ran across an article which contains information which might interest us.

After making our research so much easier it was time for someone to make Mara's job a little easier. Much genealogical information is included in this original volume but scanning these pages to find a name wastes her valuable time. As such, I have invested hundreds of hours to compile and provide an index for this volume. I somehow feel that this is inadequate repayment for her assistance but, until I find other ways to thank her for her time and efforts, this index is dedicated to Mara Munroe.

