

PREFACE

Partially inspired by the recent tracing of the road over which Washington passed through this town on June 28th, 1775, journeying from Philadelphia to Cambridge to take "command of the Army of the United Colonies"; and in anticipation of the proposed celebration of the

275TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SETTLEMENT OF YE OLD TOWNE OF MILFORD,

I have compiled and edited this book out of loyalty to and interest in my native town.

It contains facts, incidents and data gleaned from original manuscripts (not heretofore published or assembled), pamphlets, records and fragments of authority now rare and difficult of access, which, if not preserved, will fade away and be lost to future generations.

Trusting that it may prove as interesting to others as the collecting and compiling has been to the author.

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Dedicated to the memory of my twenty-five ancestors* whose names appear upon the Memorial Bridge among the founders of the town.

* Thomas Ford, Serg't. Thomas Tibbals, Rev. Peter Prudden, Gov. Robert Treat, William Fowler, Rev. Sam'l. Andrew, Deacon George Clarke, Yoeman George Clarke, Jasper Gunn, Edmund Tapp, Benjamin Fenn, Thomas Buckingham, Richard Baldwin, Timothy Baldwin, Joseph Baldwin, Nathaniel Baldwin, John Rogers, Nicholas Camp, Joseph Northrup, Henry Bochford, John Lane, John Smith, Thomas Sanford, Roger Terrill, Martha Beard "Widow" three sons.

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