

Foreword

THE system of numbering used in this history has been adopted only after a considerable study of the various methods employed by others. It appeals to the editor as the simplest and therefore the most easily understood arrangement. Each person named has a definite number, by which he can be traced, the same whether he appears as parent or child. The generation given at the top of each page refers to the *children* named upon that page. To illustrate: On page 20, Fifth Generation, we find,

94.**Fanny (Pixley)*, born 1788.

Fanny Pixley there appears as one of the children of Isaac, whose number is 51. Following Isaac's name is that of his father in parentheses (*John²⁰*), with his number as an index figure. Following back the parent numbers until we reach 20, we find John's father to be Joseph, and his number 6, and so back to the first ancestor. Following *Fanny Pixley's* individual number is a * mark, indicating that other data concerning her as a parent are given. Going on until we find 94 as a parent, on page 28, we find among her children, 193**Henry Hamilton (Sperry)*, who later appears as a parent; and, 194 *Mary (Sperry)*, about whom all available data is there given, indicated by the absence of the * mark.

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