

No genealogist can expect absolute correctness, but I have been at great pains to make the record reliable as far as it goes, and to reduce errors to the minimum, and I will esteem it a favor if any of my readers will inform me of any errors that may come to their notice, and send me any additions to family records for use when occasion may offer.

During the seven or eight years that I have been engaged in collecting material for this work, I have had much pleasant correspondence with persons connected with the family, and many kind words of encouragement; and now that my book is submitted for their approval, I shall hope to again hear from them, and will cordially receive any friendly criticism.

I will only add, that while I have deemed it my duty to expose errors in the heretofore published accounts of the family history, etc., I have not "*set down aught in malice*," and I have not cared to record individual peculiarities or frailties.

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*wherever I quote from "Sears Gen.", that of
Rev. E. H. Sears, Boston, 1857, is referred to.*