



HISTORY
OF THE
TOWN OF
WAITSFIELD, VERMONT

1782 - 1908

WITH FAMILY GENEALOGIES

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PREFACE.

This history of the Town of Waitsfield and its families found its inspiration in the deep interest of the author's father, Dr. Walter A. Jones, in the early history of the town and in the work done by him in preparing his historical address, delivered at the celebration of the centennial of the first settlement of the town in 1889. Its preparation has been an avocation of several years' duration. Had it been undertaken twenty years earlier the same effort would have resulted in the preservation of much material concerning the early life of the town that is now lost. This is perhaps sufficient reason for the present attempt to preserve the data now available.

Considerable effort has been made to obtain accuracy of statement, but it is beyond the bounds of possibility that errors, both of omission and of commission, shall not be discovered, considering the thousands of names and dates that have been copied and re-copied, the fact that different sources of information frequently disagree concerning the same birth, death or marriage, and that many records are with difficulty deciphered, while some information cannot be based upon any record.

Tribute has been freely levied upon the work of others— notably the memorial record of the town in the Civil War, prepared by Rev. Alfred B. Dascomb, the valuable historical

address of the Rev. Perrin B. Fisk at the centennial of the establishment of the Congregational Church in Waitsfield, and the large amount of historical material relating to the Methodist-Episcopal Church gathered by Mrs. Alice Poland Kelsey. Thanks are due to many who have responded to requests for assistance in preparing the genealogical records of numerous Waitsfield families, but especially the author desires to acknowledge the ever present and invaluable help of his brother, Walter E. Jones, without which this book would not have been at this time, if ever, completed.

If the book succeeds in arousing a more active interest in the town among her citizens and among her many children who have gone out from the sheltering hills, it will justify the labor expended upon it.

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