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A HISTORY  
OF  
MARLBORO COUNTY,  
WITH  
TRADITIONS AND SKETCHES OF  
NUMEROUS FAMILIES.

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*A wonderful stream is the river Time  
As it runs through the realms of tears  
With a faultless rhythm and a musical rhyme,  
And a broader sweep and a surge sublime  
As it blends with the ocean of years.*

—TENNYSON.

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TO THE PEOPLE OF MARLBORO, WHO HAVE  
UNIFORMLY SHOWN THEIR  
APPRECIATION,  
LOVE AND ESTEEM FOR THE AUTHOR.  
J. A. W. THOMAS,  
THIS WORK IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED.

## PREFACE.

As stated elsewhere, the author found it very difficult to secure material for the History of Marlboro. Years ago he conceived the idea of leaving such a work as a legacy to the people. But the slow responses to his request for data and facts as to family history and the vast amount of research necessary to finish the historical part caused long delay. His friends will remember, too, that any additional literary work was but adding to the burden of a life already full of study and duties, and was therefore done at long intervals. So it was not strange that his hand was stilled before the task was completed which affection had prompted him to undertake. For the more perfect completion of the work it is to be greatly regretted that it has fallen to the lot of others to finish it as best they could. To a fond son it has been a labor of love, though attended with many difficulties and responsibilities. He is indebted to Judge Hudson, Hon. H. H. Newton, Capt. T. E. Dudley and other friends for facts and data. Special thanks are due Capt. John R. Parker for the map of the county.

It is sad to know that many who were living when the work was commenced, and who, in many instances, gave information to the author, have passed over the river.

Many have dropped by the wayside who would have found pleasure in perusing these pages, for the sake of the author as well as for the contents. But the indulgent friends who tarry yet for a little while, will, it is hoped, pardon mistakes, omissions, and shortcomings. Much of this is due, not to the conscientious, loving author, but to the fact that his work was transmitted to the far less capable, but willing hands of his son,

W. E. THOMAS.

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