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PREFACE

In my childhood days, I was an ardent listener whenever my father and mother, William C. and Harriett S. Stanley, would discuss the genealogy of our family.

After they passed away, their genealogy books were left to the care of my brothers, John W. and Arthur W. Stanley; but they were very busy men and had little time to spend on tracing kinship.

Not until they, too, passed on and my health failed, did I ever think of trying to take a stem and a few saplings and climb as far as I could in what seemed to be an impenetrable forest.

It has cost a great deal of time and money, but it has been worth it, and I have enjoyed meeting and visiting, by letter so many of my kinsmen.

I know that many of you have gone to the attic, pulled out your old family Bibles, and spent much time copying dates and information enabling me to make this stem and few saplings grow into a Family Tree, with the roots well established in the 17th century, and the trunk taking form in the early part of the 18th century, in the year 1729.

The branches and the twigs now reach from coast to coast.

By precept and goodly example, by timely advice and Christian counsel, our loyal forefathers nurtured and faithfully cultivated the tender plants, giving to our many communities one of their most sturdy and productive families.

My own compilation of facts is prefaced by the statement secured from the Media Research Bureau, and is an authentic, but general, sketch.

So, with appreciation for the Christian homes built on the solid foundation of love, I dedicate this book.

TO
THE MEMORY OF OUR FOREFATHERS.

—Edna Stanley Pickett

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by Edna Stanley Pickett*

THE NAME AND FAMILY OF

STANLEY

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The name of "Stanley" is believed to have been of local origin and to mean "A Stoney Meadow", being first given to a place answering that description and later taken therefrom by its first bearer because of his residence at Stanley.

There are now ten parishes of the name in various parts of England, but some of them are of recent origin. The name is found on ancient records in the various spellings of Stonely, Stanleigh, Stanleye, Stannley, Stanely, and Stanley—of which the last is the generally accepted form of today.

The family bearing this name was first settled in the County of Stafford, whence it spread to the Countys of Wilts, Oxford, York, Lancaster, Chester, Derby, Summerset, Cumberland, Sussex, Nottingham, Middlesex, Devon, Norfolk, and North and South Hampton.

The ancient family of Stanley traces its decent from William de Alditheley, son of Adam de Alditheley, son of another of the same name, who accompanied William the Conqueror into England in the Norman invasion of 1066. This William de Alditheley married Joan, daughter of Thomas de Stonely of ancient Saxon family, and received as her dowery the Manor of Thalk in Staffordshire, which land he exchanged for the lands of Stoneley, whence he took his name.

This William de (Alditheley) Stoneley, or Stanley, was the father of John (who died without issue), and Sir Adam Stanley, who had a son, Sir William Stanley, who married Joan, daughter of Sir Phillip de Barnville, and had issue by her of Sir John and Adam. Of these two sons, Sir John acquired the title of Lord of Stourton and married Mebella, daughter of Sir James Hausket, and was the father by her of Sir William and John, of whom the first married Alice Massey, my whom he was the father of Sir William of Hooten, in Cheshire, and Sir John, Lord-Deputy of Ireland, and Henry.

Sir William Stanley of Hooten, Cheshire County, married Margery de Hooten, and was the father of Sir Rowland Stanley,

who was succeeded by his great-grandson, Sir William, who married Charlotte, daughter of Sir Richard Molyneux. This last mentioned Sir William was succeeded by his oldest son, Sir Rowland, who married Anna Paston in the early eighteenth century.

Sir John Stanley, Lord-Deputy of Ireland and younger brother of the Sir William of Hooton, was the ancestor of the Earl's of Derby and was married in the latter part of the fourteenth century to Isabel, daughter of Sir Thomas Latham. They were the parents of, among others, Sir John, who was the father by his wife, Isobel Harrington, of Sir Thomas, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, who married Joan Goushill, and had Thomas, Second Lord Stanley and first Earl of Derby, who married Eleanor Nevil, daughter of the Earl of Warwick, and had issue by her of, among others, a son who continued the line of the Earl's of Derby, and of Sir George, who married Joan Strange, and had Sir James.

This Sir James married Ann Hart and was the father by her of Henry Stanley, who married Margaret Stanley and had Edward, who married Isobel, daughter of Sir Peter Warburton, and had Henry, who was the father by his wife, Mary Cropper, of a son named Edward. This Edward was the father of the emigrant brothers Thomas and John Stanley, who came to Virginia in the latter part of the seventeenth century, and will be further mentioned below.

There were also prominent families of this name descended from Sir John Stanley of Cumberland County in the year 1347, who was the progenitor of a long and illustrious line of Stanleys in that place, and from John Stanley of the County of Kent, who descended from the Lancashire branch.

This last mentioned John Stanley was the father of a son named Thomas who had a son William, who was the father of John, who married Dorothy Totesham and had John, Thomas and William, of whom the last named married Aundrey Elstone and was the father by her of Thomas, William, Dorothy, and perhaps others.

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Of the other two emigrants, Timothy made his home at Cambridge, Mass. and was probably the father by his wife, Elizabeth, of Timothy, Elizabeth, Abigail, Caleb, Lois, and Isaac; and

Thomas resided first at Lynn, Mass. and later at Hartford, Conn. and Hadley, Mass., and was the father by his wife, Bennet, of Nathaniel, Hannah, Mary, and Sarah. *AND THOMAS II*

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