

PREFACE

The following account gives a brief history of East Haven's old houses, as well as the Old Stone Church, the Green and the Iron Works from the time of origin to the present time. It contains, in simple language, those events and incidents connected with each place which are of chief importance and general interest. This booklet is designed primarily, as a reference for those who may be interested in ascertaining the names of the owners of the few old places still remaining in East Haven. A knowledge of the history of the folk now gone forever who once lived in these old houses will perhaps create a deeper respect upon the part of the present generation for past generations who were the founders and builders of our town.

It has been the purpose of the author in part to gather first hand from East Haven's oldest residents detail accounts of the old houses and the folk of yesterday who lived in them. In this way it has been possible in some instances to obtain accounts of human interest that took place in this old town in the days of long ago.

Special effort has been made to obtain as near accurately as possible the names of the families that have either built or owned these places from year after year up to the present day.

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