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PREFACE

The aim of this work is to present in a clear and convenient form the main causes, influences and events that have had to do with the development of Wood County during its 67 years of existence, from 1856 to 1923. To accomplish this result recourse has been had to many sources of information, both documentary and personal, and in the more important instances credit has been given to the source from which it was obtained.

It is impossible, however, owing to their large number, to give the names of all the persons who have aided the compilers in the preparation of this work by furnishing original data, or by timely criticism of material, either historical or biographical, in its initial stage of preparation. Where original articles were contributed the names of the authors are given, but to many others also are due thanks for assistance rendered. Aside from the history proper, much additional historical material may be found in the biographies, to some of which direct reference has been made.

It can hardly be expected that, in spite of the great pains taken to secure accuracy, a volume containing so much miscellaneous data and covering so long a period should be entirely free from error. Much of the data presented was obtained through personal interviews, and the human memory is not infallible. A divergence of opinion upon some subjects was found among old settlers supposed to be well acquainted with the facts, but in such cases the best supported account has been given, and the doubt in the case mentioned, so that positive errors will be found, it is believed, to be comparatively few and unimportant.

If a reasonable measure of success has been achieved in describing the origin and development of the county, and commemorating the deeds of those who made it what it is, the purpose of this volume will have been accomplished.

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