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Had it not been for the good faith thus shown by them the publication would have been forever abandoned, and all material collected probably destroyed. Thirty copies subscribed for have been left on the author's hands.

While there have been some very disagreeable experiences and disappointments connected with the compilation and publication of this work, on the other hand there will always be some pleasant recollections of some very pleasant people—whole-souled jewels of humanity—that are worthy of the blood of any colonial ancestor. If the author's researches meet with their approbation and kindles anew the fires of patriotism in their breasts, as a knowledge of a long line of honorable ancestry in America should do, he will not consider his efforts unrewarded, and the disagreeable features will be thereby vastly overshadowed. I wish to thank all that have even remotely contributed to the success of the work.

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THE COAT OF ARMS.

A letter, relating to the claim of the Shreves to the Coat of Arms referred to by Samuel H. Shreve, was received in February, 1897, from a reliable searcher for truth in this field. The following is an extract:

"They are the Ireton arms, as you will find by examining Burk's Heraldry, and were borne by Cromwell's General of that name. Now, about a hundred years ago, an Ireton married a Stockton, and you are doubtless aware that the Stocktons intermarried with the Lippincotts, and that a Lippincott married a Shreve. In this way no doubt a copy of these arms came into possession of some member of the Shreve family.

"I have made a careful examination of all the works on Heraldry to which I had access, and also employed a Philadelphia professional, who devotes all his time to it, to look into the matter for me, and the result was the same in both cases. We could find no Areson Arms.

"Our claim to these arms is, therefore, in my opinion, altogether spurious."

An illustration of this coat of arms is published in this volume of necessity designated "unauthentic."