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PREFACE

The RECORDS Family is descended from John Rickards, senior, one of the earliest of the colonists in Somerset County, Province of Maryland. I once estimated that there are over 25,000 living descendants of one of his sons, John, junior. Only two manuscripts are known to have been published previous to this book about the Records family in America. Both are very informative and monuments to the thoughtfulness of the authors; namely, Capt. Spencer Records and Sergt. William M. Records. In honor and respect for those great kinsmen, I have included their complete works as separate chapters in this book.

The primary purpose of this book is to record for the inspiration and interest of present and future generations the history of the LABAN RECORDS branch of the Capt. Josiah Records' family. Josiah was a paternal grandson of John Rickards, senior. I hope you also gain a greater appreciation of the accomplishments, joys, sorrows, dangers, trials, and deeds that our ancestors experienced in striving to make the United States and our personal positions what they are or can be today. I believe that you are forever a better person once you thoroughly and thoughtfully study your family history.

In general, the Records are a hard working, honorable, god-fearing people. Our ancestry is surprisingly clear of any "black sheep." Our successes, while not conspicuously spectacular or notable, are for the most part something we can all be proud of. While some of our kinsmen have been outstanding in their professions as doctors, teachers, preachers, etc., so many others exemplified in leading full productive, honest lives raising good families and serving quietly in their communities.

The feeling or undertone that I got, and that I hope you will too, in studying the family history is that the material or "stuff" is in the family for forging ahead and gaining even greater accomplishments. I think it will happen; therefore, I will express my delight and pride in advance of the time when once again some kind and brave kinsmen will up-date this book and add the names of notable statesmen, scientists, doctors, engineers, teachers, soldiers, or what have you, along with many other life successes of our future kinsmen.

I have enjoyed working on this book for over three years as of today, 10 Jan 1965, as time was available on weekends, evenings, some holidays, and parts of some vacations. I have visited most of the ancestral lands in Delaware, Maryland, Penn., Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. I made additional searches through extensive correspondence with kinsmen and by personal visits to various libraries, including: Library of Congress and the D.A.R. Memorial Library, Washington, D.C.; Delaware Hall of Records; Hermon Genealogical Library, Salt Lake City; Ohio Historical Society and Ohio State Libraries, Columbus; and public libraries in Dayton, Ohio, Seattle, Wash., Rising Sun, Ind., Ross Co., O., Laurel, Del., Maysville, Ky., and Georgetown, O. I have searched the courthouse records in Georgetown, Del., Georgetown, Ohio, Mason & Brecken Counties, Ky., Rising Sun, Ind., and Greene Co., Ohio.

There are many more courthouses and libraries where data exists on the Records family. There are probably old documents, bibles, letters, deeds, and wills in the possession of uncontacted kinsmen that would add much to this book. There are definitely kinsmen who failed to provide data because of lack of interest or time, or because I did not know them. This book is far from being complete. Many descendants in this branch are not known by me. Perhaps some will read this book and then wish to contribute their information. I will be very happy to receive their data, and I will probably publish an addendum at a later date. So you see, it is never too late in this case, unless you wait until the data is lost or you are no longer able to do the job. If I am not available or whoever takes my files is not available, you should prepare copies of your data and submit them to various genealogical organiza-

tions and libraries who are always glad to receive such data. Then it will be available when someone else decides to up-date this book. And I sincerely hope that my book is not the last to be published on the Records family.

I intend to run-off about 100 mimeographed copies of this book. I will give copies to various genealogical and public libraries throughout the country. I will also make copies available to interested kinsmen for a price, thereby maybe recovering some of my expenses. In order for books to stand a better chance of lasting if they are not unique, they must be distributed as widely as possible. That way a few will withstand the ravages of time. I found evidence that much of our family history was lost because only one copy was made and later destroyed by accident or neglect.

Recently, I saw at the Boeing Co., Seattle, a single one inch square of microfilm that contained 1,000 pages of 8 1/2" x 11" correspondence. Under a microscope each page was quite legible. Before too long, there will probably be a viewer or projector on the market for easy reading of these tiny pages. Someday, each home will have an inexpensive library in a few small slide boxes that will exceed the quantity and variety of material in any of our present public libraries. But who is to say whether or not they will turn away from their blasted television sets to read them? Anyway, my book now has a wonderful chance of lasting as long as man is interested in history and genealogy. Whether or not the quality and quantity is good or bad, it will cost so little to reduce it all to a small corner of one tiny picture! Libraries have been microfilming for several years but their pictures are in the 35mm range. Boeing also places 100 separate photographed pages on one negative of about 3" by 5" in size. These are much easier to enlarge for regular review.

NOTE: You will find a number in front of your name in this book (if you are listed) which is one number less than the total number of generations that you represent. I did not learn of John Rickards, sr., until long after I began typing these stencils. He is identified as: 0.John Rickards. Had I known, he would have been listed as 1.John Rickards, and his son, the earliest mentioned by Capt. Spencer Records, would be listed as 2.John, jr., rather than as 1.

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So many families will never know from whence they came, but the Capt. Josiah Records descendants are not among them. Capt. Spencer Records in 1842 had the forethought to record the family history as he knew then. We kinsmen are deeply indebted to this soldier, frontiersman, and father, who is buried at Mt. Auburn Cem., Jackson Township, Shelby Co., Ind.

The late William H. Records, Rising Sun, Ind., is also to be honored for his 1902 book about the Rev. Samuel Records family. Much truth is contained in his introduction: "It is always a mark of self respect, and often an incentive to commendable zeal and noble living, to keep trace of family history."

The late Miss Nora Clarke, 1870-1963, buried in Mt. Auburn Cem., also did the family a great service. She served many years as secretary, treasurer, and historian of The Records National Association, which still meets annually on the first Sunday after the 4th of July in Franklin, Ind. Nora gathered much data. She was proud of her ancestry and wanted all the family to share that pride.

Mrs. Naomi Mullendore Houghan, Professor Emeritus, Franklin College, Franklin, Ind., has taken over the important duties of the late Miss Clarke. This very talented lady is completing a book on the Capt. Spencer Records branch and has done much research into the early family history. I and my family have become well acquainted with her and others in Franklin and Edinburgh Ind., through visits and through extensive correspondence with Naomi. We have shared our data and each has given words of encouragement to the other during this difficult task of writing the new books.

Dr. Ralph L. Records, Pres. Louisville Bible College, Ky., home in Edinburgh, Ind.; Dr. A.M. Records, M.D., late Dr. John E. Records, M.D., of Franklin; late James L. Records, Edinburgh; and others did much to promote the Indiana reunions and maintain family ties. They also helped Miss Clarke collect data and in about 1925, they published a 10 page list of over 3,000 names which is a highly valued document today.

Professor Herbert Clarke, U. Wis., since June, 1959, has published a mimeographed pamphlet of several well filled pages. It is entitled: "THE RECORDS of the Records." He distributes copies of each new issue at the reunions. I got some data from these pamphlets which will someday be highly valued.

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DEDICATION

I dedicate this book primarily to my wife Margie L. Records. She has been very patient, understanding, and a valuable source of encouragement and advise during the many months I have spent writing this book.

Secondly, I dedicate this book to our three children, Paula, Franklin, and Lora Records. Perhaps I could have spent many of these hours instead with them and perhaps made their lives still more enjoyable and fruitful (they appear to be doing surprisingly well without my more constant attention).

Thirdly, I dedicate this book to our future kinsmen who may undertake the writing of new volumes or additions to all or parts of this book. In assuming and completing the task, you will gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of life, certain other knowledge, the satisfaction of an important and lasting accomplishment, the admiration of thoughtful kinsmen, and the personal comforting feeling that you and your family are as a result less likely to be forever forgotten with the brief passage of time.

Signed: *L. H. Records* 2/11/54
 Place: *Wheatridge, Colo.*
 Date: *Jan 4, 1954*

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