

PREFACE

Daniel Webster said, "Those who do not look upon themselves as a link connecting the past with the future do not perform their duty to the world."

"A man who is not proud of his ancestry will never leave anything for which his Posterity may be proud of him."

The lives of our ancestors are the foundation of ours today. When we know their history we can know ours. We owe it to our ancestors, if we have any family pride, to keep in print their names in proper groups. Those who cannot trace their forbears back farther than their grandfather are unable to appreciate their ancestry and their efforts in paving the way for our American liberties and privileges.

As our country becomes older and family connections increase, it is important for a family to be able to trace its lineage back to the early days of our country when neighbors were far apart and the land was wilderness.

In getting together the material for this short, and by no means complete, history on the McColls, McCalls, and McColes. I have run into many difficulties. This being caused by the ravage of time and the destruction of many old records found in the courthouses in Marion, Marlboro, Dillon, South Carolina, and Richmond, North Carolina counties, such as old deeds, wills, and various records. The North Carolina Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina, the South Carolina Department of Archives and History in Columbia, South Carolina, the Federal Census Bureau in Washington, D.C., the General Service Administration Department, and older living members of these families who had treasured a few old records through the years. Especially do I wish to thank Miss Eleanor McColl for her most valuable information given to me. This being compiled by her father, D.D. McColl of Bennettsville, during his lifetime. To Mr. Bank McLaurin, Jr., of Dallas, Texas, who donated much information on the McColls and their kin folks, such as the McLaurins, McDaniels, and Stubbs.

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As you read this book, you will probably find many mistakes, but please remember this has been a hard job and even many of the public records have errors in them. I hope this information on this family, far from being complete, will be read by both young and old. After reading this I hope that each will be better acquainted with the "McColl" family and their kinfolks.

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