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## *Foreword*

This history of Central New York is an attempt to tell clearly and concisely the story of a group of counties whose beginnings and growth are so inextricably interwoven as to make the regional tale almost like that of a single community. Early pioneers of the region often resided for a time in several of the counties; they came from the same racial stock; their settlements followed the same lines of development. Men of all the counties joined together in early civic projects—the building of forest roads, the digging of waterways, the laying of railroads. Settlers lived in one county and often ground their grain in another. At organization, some of the counties embraced others later taken off as separate divisions.

Most of these counties during the past seventy-five years have been the subject of individual local histories. Perusal of these shows the names of the same pioneers united in the same enterprises regardless of county boundaries. Even back to the days of the Iroquois Confederacy which held sway over Central New York, there has been a well knit regional entity to the area such as characterizes few districts in the country. But never before has there been an attempt made to correlate the scattered data and to weave into a single record the chronicle of the region.

To cover in detail even the military history of these counties would require many volumes. To treat comprehensively the material growth, the economic and social advancement, the individual institutions and the other myriad strands going into the weave of history would require a library.

Therefore, the task has been to analyze the most significant events, to sketch the most striking and to dissolve the clustering multitude of details into a general summary. A glance at the chapter headings will indicate the lines along which such choice of subject matter has been made. If this volume shall afford a broad glimpse of the wealth of history which broods eternally over Central New York, it will have achieved its aim.

## HISTORY OF CENTRAL NEW YORK

It has been said that "history is the essence of innumerable biographies," for mankind alone makes history. Hence, the two final volumes in these annals of Central New York contain sketches of the lives of many who have a vital share in the history that is being written by the present generation.

The history begins with the early explorations and settlement of the region and strives to give a picture of the area as the first settlers found it, with an account of the various stages through which it has passed to its present state of social, commercial and industrial development and importance.

Numerous individuals have aided in providing facts and figures. More than a hundred books, pamphlets, periodicals, state and federal bulletins, gazetteers, directories, etc., have been examined for data. Librarians, state officials, editors, organization officers, local historians and others have given cooperation. Theirs has been a voluntary, gratuitous service. Interest in things historical and civic prompted it; the editor's gratitude alone rewards it. But without this concert of effort, this history would not have been.

With acknowledgment of this deep indebtedness goes the sincere wish that these pages may be worthy of the splendid spirit of cooperation which has made them possible.

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