

MEMORIES.

There is in these days, a wide spread and ever increasing interest in the past. It permeates the entire community, and seems confined to no special locality; for in every part of our land, the spirit of inquiry appears to be awake, and multitudes are delving into public and private records, and in every conceivable way, striving to learn more of their past history, and to connect the links already established, into a chain of ancestral continuity.

You my dear grandchildren, probably are aware, that long before this desire became so wide spread, your own grandfather had for years been interested in such matters, and engaged in constant researches into the past history of his family; and had had wonderful success, notwithstanding stupendous difficulties which had to be overcome.