

A STANDARD HISTORY OF STARKE COUNTY INDIANA.

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PREFACE

The story of Starke County from its early beginnings will be found in the following pages not only in the formal chapters of historical narrative but in the numerous biographies of families and individuals, many of which have been identified with the county during the greater portion of time since this was a frontier of civilization.

The pages of this volume will furnish information to all future generations of descendants from the families whose chronicles appear in this permanent form, and that constitutes an all-sufficient reason—were one required—to justify this publication. It is a book of record for deeds and lives, lived and living, and as such will be cherished long after the actors who composed its material have yielded their places on the world's stage.

This represents a careful endeavor to measure and describe the past and present of Starke County. The data have been gathered from all available local sources, and not one but many have contributed to the varied information found between the covers. It should be stated that all personal sketches have been submitted for revision and correction, and the responsibility for their accuracy must therefore rest upon the parties chiefly concerned.

In conclusion, it may be said that "whoever cares not for history, of his or her parents and ancestry, and of the city or village and township, and of the state, lacks a great part of the foundation and motive of right and worthy living."

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