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After several months of laborious Research and persistent toll, the history of Pottawattamie County is complete, and it is our hope and belief that no subject of general importance or interest has been overlooked or omitted, and even minor facts, when of sufficient note to be worthy of record, have been faithfully chronicled. In short, where protracted investigation promised results commensurate with the undertaking, matters not only of undoubted record but legendary lore, have been brought into requisition. We are well aware of the fact that it is next to impossible to furnish a perfect history from the meager resources at the command of the historian under ordinary circumstances, but claim to have prepared a work fully up to the standard of our engagements. Through the courtesy and assistance generously afforded, we have been enabled to trace out and put into systematic shape the greater portions of the events that have transpired in the county up to the present time, and we feel assured that all thoughtful persons interested in the matter will recognize and appreciate the importance of the work and its permanent value. A dry statement of facts has been avoided, so far as it was possible to do so, and anecdote and incident have been interwoven with plain recital and statistics, thereby forming a narrative at once instructive and entertaining.

We are indebted to Col. John H. Keatley for furnishing us with the history of Council Bluffs and some of the township history; also to Hon. D. C. Bloomer for the material assistance he rendered in the compilation of the work by the aid of his valuable and accurate notes in the "Annals of Iowa" published by the Historical Society of the State. And to the many residents of Pottawattamie who furnished our historians, Messrs. W. T. Giles and Frank M. Wright, with the facts and data for their portion of the work, we acknowledge thanks.

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