

## INTRODUCTION

To the editor's knowledge, two books on the Nance family have been published previously. They are the Nance Memorial by George Nance 1904. and the History and Genealogy of the Nances by Davidson Nance 1935. Both these fellow kinsmen made great contributions toward the preservation of our English and American heritage.

In 1965, Walker P, Nance of Austin, Texas, made another contribution to the Nance family when he had three hundred copies of the Nance Memorial reprinted. Since that time, this book has been distributed in every section of our nation, and has revived family interest to a point of realization that a more complete and up-to-date family book is needed,

Most family books contain some errors and the Nance Memorial and History and Genealogy of the Nances are no exceptions. I am sure the Nance Register can be included in this category, Should you have cause to complain about the information included in the family lineages, however, I suggest you write to the person who submitted the information, In each case, his name and address is listed, (The Nance Memorial will further be referred to as "NM" and the History and Genealogy of the Nances is "HGN",)

Since publication of NM and HGN, several thousand older Nance records have been discovered which point to errors in both publications. The purpose of this book is to present these records to the living and future generations of Nances in hope that they will be of value in finding unknown ancestors, extending correct family lineages and knowing their living kinfolk,

For many years Nance genealogists have attempted to find the one record which will prove that Richard Nance is the ancestral head of the American Nance family. Even though certain evidence indicates this to be correct, I am sorry to say that at this writing, this proof has not been established,

The compiling of this book is due to the interest of our family history and the desire of many to gather together records which might otherwise be lost, in hope that they may be helpful to other future generations.

A family history is not compiled by any one person, but by numerous individuals, over the generations, who have contributed from time to time about their respective family lines, There have been several publications in the past concerning our family which give us several of the old established lines. It is the intent of the compiler to incorporate this information with the many heretofore unpublished records and family lineages. And that this book should be a genealogical aid for those seeking information on the Nances or some of their allied families.

I wish to take this means of expressing my appreciation for the invaluable cooperation of those that made this publication possible. Space does not permit each individual name and address on this page, but each contributor is recognized with their individual families, Dr, Robert Nance of Radford, Virginia; Mrs, Bruce A, Kindig of Medicine Lodge, Kansas; and Mrs, Vivian King Bullock of Los Angeles, California, were most instrumental in contributing most of the general family information found herein, and words