

Memoirs  
of the  
Thomas Rogers Wickenden  
Family

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## Foreword

This book is the story of a family as remembered by the eight children of Thomas Rogers Wickenden, 1853-1924, and Ida Consaul Wickenden, 1856-1927. The family home was located at 602 Starr Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, and the house is still occupied by the youngest of the children, Dorothy, and her husband Frederick W. Klag. Both the living members of the family and those of succeeding generations will find it full of interest, and it should be to the latter a source of inspiration and just pride in their goodly heritage. As a firsthand description of the problems, struggles, achievements and joys of a middle-class family in America in the late decades of the nineteenth and first half of the twentieth century, it may well become a valuable historical record.

Each of the eight children has contributed a chapter of recollections with the exception of William who had already left this life when the plan was initiated. We are indebted to his wife Marion, since deceased, for the account of his life and achievements.

Credit for initiating the project and for gathering most of the material goes to Homer. When he was unable to carry it through to publication he turned it over to me for completion and final editing, and in this latter task the help of my wife, Ethel, has been invaluable. In addition to Homer's research into the history of the family, Lottie also made a very great contribution to the historical data pertaining to both ancestral lines. To Thomas goes the thanks of the family for assuming the major part of the cost of publication.

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