

doubt that it will be necessary for very many of them to trace their ancestry and to prove their right and title in cases of litigation concerning legacies.

I would recommend, therefore, that you keep well posted on the whereabouts of relatives or family connections. If any members of the family be removed from home endeavor to locate them, so that you may have every chance of corresponding, or at least that you may be able to trace them, and a member of the family leaving home should never fail to get a blank copy of "The Record of Family Ancestors" and fill it out for his or her own personal use, from the records which have been kept by some other member of the family, and to continue the record for himself or herself so as to have a family chain without a break through all future generations and to show the branches of the family tree and to prove them even to a thousand years.

I have placed in the diagram in this record, columns with appropriate headings so that everything necessary can be entered in years to come, so there need be no difficulty as to where and by whom your ancestors were married. Thousands of people have been deprived of their lawful rights because of failure to prove legitimate ancestry, and in cases of second and third marriages this has been especially the case. To overcome this I have made special provision for entering particulars of second or subsequent marriages and the offspring from these marriages.

It will be needless for me to tell you of the time, trouble and expense that will be saved to you by tracing your family descent in the columns of this record, as you can have all particulars at your command at one glance.

The late Daniel Meyers of the City of Detroit would have inherited a fortune of nearly \$1,000,000 from the estate of the late Colonel Moore, an officer in the English Army, could he have proved the record of his family ancestors, but owing to his family having scattered when young he was unable to trace them and he could not bring sufficient evidence to satisfy the quibbles of the law, although morally certain in his own mind that he was the rightful heir; and there are scores of instances of the same kind.

I quote the following from an advertisement in a New York paper, the "Golden Argosy" of Nov. 6, 1886: "ENORMOUS FORTUNES awaiting claimants lie buried in the Courts of Chancery, Bank of England, England, France, Germany, and other countries, amounting to over \$480,000,000, a great part of which belongs to the People of America. The Chancery Paymaster will gladly pay the money to the rightful owners if they will only put in their claims. Thousands of people in the United States are unconscious of the fact that a fortune has descended to them from remote ancestors, and because they have no knowledge of these ancestors they take no interest in what is of vital importance to them."

How many people among the laboring classes have unexpectedly received large and independent fortunes from unknown relatives, and how many more might have received them had they possessed the knowledge which is contained in a record such as this.

The record of ancestry which I furnish you may prove of great benefit to you personally in your lifetime but to your children and to their children what great results can be expected. Your children are your rightful heirs and to them you wish to leave your property, or interests of value may be left in your care for your children, but through carelessness or neglect how easily could they be deprived of that which it was your earnest design they should obtain, and I claim for this record a value of its own, for important papers which you have entrusted to some one may often wilfully be destroyed by un-

scrupulous and designing persons. But if a minute of such trust has been entered in your record anything of this kind can be detected.

Children are oftentimes left orphans when very young, before they have a chance to know anything definite concerning their parentage, and this fact should impress upon your mind the necessity and advisability of taking the precautions marked out in this record. You have often seen by the daily papers, or may know from your own observation, of cases where widows and orphans have been swindled out of their inheritance through some slight flaw or neglect.

To persons who may fall heirs to properties this record can be made a great and important witness in legal cases, and great care should be taken to follow the instructions implicitly, and to keep correctly even the slightest details.

EXPLANATIONS.

The pages of this record are neatly and completely laid out with printed headings appropriated in such a way as best to carry out the design.

On the first four pages is to be written a sketch of your ancestors and relations, giving to each one a separate and distinct number, which number whenever used in this record shall apply only to the person to whom it is first given, and in fixing relationship do so by number. For instance among your ancestors may be John Brown (1), who may have a son John Brown (12). Then in entering say John Brown (12), son of John Brown (1) or if the case should be altered say Jane Little (17) daughter, granddaughter of niece of Thomas Little (5).

The schedule explains itself. After the schedule are two pages for minutes relating to anything on the schedule—such as second or subsequent marriages and their offspring, etc., and notes about emigrations. Eight pages are provided for special notes, such as the death of relations, giving particulars as to date, place, etc. Eight pages for notes on real estate, eight pages for notes on personal property, two pages for copies of wills, four for life, accident and fire insurance, etc., and two for index.

Two pages for mortgages received on real estate, two pages for mortgages given on real estate, one page for mortgages received on personal property, one page for mortgages given on personal property.

If married by a clergyman give his name, the church or parish of which he is rector, and the state, county and location of his ministrations—if by a justice give his name and jurisdiction, as these things are often of great importance as witnesses. Make special note of second or subsequent marriages. If married by a clergyman strike out the word "Justice," if by a justice strike out the word "Clergyman" in the schedule.

Before entering your own record in this book be careful to enter the records of your ancestors, living or dead, as far back as you can trace them, so as to have the family chain complete down to yourself and to your children.

In case you own real estate, mention where it is located—state, county, township, section and range, also whether improved or unimproved, number of acres, or number and sizes of lots, and buildings, if any. Give details and value of all personal property which you may own. If interested in mines, railway stocks, vessels, banks, insurance companies, factories or other large projects, give names and where they are located with other details and the names of other persons interested with you, also the amount of your interest.