

FAMILY RECORD;

CONTAINING THE
SETTLEMENT, AND GENEALOGY TO THE
PRESENT TIME,

OF THE

SHARPLES FAMILY,

IN NORTH AMERICA.

WITH AN APPENDIX,

CONTAINING MEMORIALS OF THE DYING SAYINGS, &c.

OF SEVERAL DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE

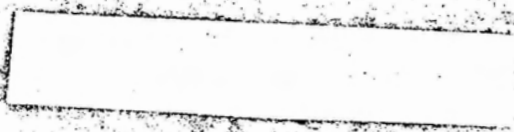
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PREFACE.

EVERY author has, or ought to have, a reason for his undertaking; and I conclude some will wonder what induced me to write the history of an individual family, which is not likely to contain any thing very interesting to the public.

For their information I may say, that it arose from a desire in some of the family, to have a record preserved, as perfect as it can be obtained (at this late period) of the emigration to, and settlement of their Ancestors, in this, then wilderness country; and also of the situation and connection of their descendants at the present time; and not through a desire of exalting themselves, by publishing to the world, their imperfect and uninteresting history; which is intended to be kept pretty much within the family, or those concerned. In writing such a history, considerable difficulty presents, for want of records being kept of occurrences as they

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