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## FOREWORD

Old Edgecombe, mother of seventeen of our modern, prosperous counties! What unsung stories cluster about your early history? Stories of hardy pioneers who left the populous centers on the eastern coast and began the westward trek into the unknown "back country"-- pushing their way through the wilderness, fighting the hostile land, fighting Indians-- making their way to new territory. Settling on the banks of rivers and creeks, clearing the land, building their homes.

Cold records, terse statements of facts, but running like a bright, untarnished thread through everything, that grim determination to make a better world of this new land for their children and their children's children.

Truly, we Americans have a precious heritage, one to fight for if necessary-- but always to keep.

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