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# INTRODUCTION

This book is a glimpse of Granville during its first 200 years. It touches on the change from nearly unbroken woodland to a suburban environment. We are indebted to the 1805 pioneers who organized the Licking Company to buy land and settle in the “West.” They laid out a regular grid for streets in their new town, oriented to the compass points. They determined that the Broad Way should be ten rods wide (165 ft.) and Main Street six rods (99 ft.) They established schools, churches, and a stable democratic government and determined the look and feel of the environment we see today, as we have chronicled in this volume.

Building on this strong foundation, their successors embraced new ideas and technological improvements. Entrepreneurs seized business and professional opportunities. Commitment to education also encouraged interest in literature, music, and the arts, which became integral to community life. Granville citizens discussed, differed, supported each other, and seldom missed the chance to come together in celebration. As the years passed, the need to preserve the records of past events led to family, church, and historical collections, all of which have provided resources for this work. It is our hope that this volume will be interesting and accessible to the general reader while providing richer detail to those already familiar with Granville’s history.

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