The Holder Memorial Given to the Clinton Historical Society

By Francis T Holder


Excerpt from The Holder Memorial Given to the Clinton Historical Society

Francis T. Holder, the donor of the Holder Memorial, is descended from the Holders of Holderness, England. Christopher Holder, the first of the Holder family to live in America, was born in 1631. He inherited considerable property and received a liberal education. Being converted by George Fox to a belief in the principles advocated by the Quakers, his zeal for the cause led him to become a minister of the faith. His eloquence as a speaker and the power of his pen united with his social position to make him a leader among the Friends during the thirty-five years of his ministry. The call came to him to visit America and testify there to the truths revealed to him by the inner light. Embarking with eight other Friends on the Speedwell, he reached Boston in the summer of 1656. He and his associates were arrested at the landing, and on being brought before Governor Endicott were committed to prison, where they remained eleven weeks. Then they...

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