

# HISTORY

OF

# BATH AND ENVIRONS,

SAGADAHOC COUNTY, MAINE.

1607-1894.

WITH ILLUSTRATIONS.

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ton. At a later date Amory died. The same line of building ships and dealing in salt has been pursued by them as was that of their father, and with the like success. Outside of this they make no speculative ventures, and are largely interested in banks in the city, especially so in the Lincoln Bank, the oldest institution of the kind in Bath, and of which L. W. Houghton has been on the board of directors many years, as also one of the board of trustees of the Bath Savings Institution. They are citizens who are notable for attention to their own business, and whose word is as good as their signatures. Levi Houghton and Houghton Brothers have built thirty-six ships, three barks, and four brigs.

**James McLellan**, long identified with the business interests of Bath, was born in Gorham, May 7, 1777, and died in Bath, October 26, 1854, at the age of 77 years. His father was Capt. Alexander McLellan, who led a company to the siege of Biguyduce during the Revolutionary War in 1779. His son James commenced life a house carpenter at Monmouth, at the age of twenty-nine settled at Bath, in 1806, established a mercantile business, first under Music Hall, and afterwards at the foot of Summer street, near which was his ship-yard. He had Gen. Dwelly Turner for partner until his death in 1827, and afterwards his son, J. H. McLellan, keeping a store and building vessels for the West India trade on their own account.

In his political life he was a staunch Democrat, and though never seeking office was one of the electors for President and Vice-President of the United States during the War of 1812; was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1816 and 1817, and later was a member of the Executive Council. Entering the military service, he became Captain of a Bath company, from which he rose to Major, and through all the regimental grades to that of Major-General in 1822, always an active and distinguished officer.

In religious matters he affiliated with the Methodist denomination and was conspicuous as one of the founders of the Wesley Church, of which he was a life-long member.

His house, at the top of the "hill" on Washington street, was ever the home of generous hospitality, clergymen finding always a hearty welcome, one of whom married his eldest daughter.

Prior to his coming to Bath to reside he married Lydia Osgood, at Hallowell, in 1799, and their children were: Harriet E. (Mrs. Husted), J. H. McLellan, Mary O. (Mrs. Robinson), Lydia (Mrs. Hawkes), Charles, Samuel, Caroline (Mrs. Dr. Rogers), Sarah B. (Mrs. Snow), Louisa H. (Mrs. E. K. Harding), Adaline D. (Mrs. J. H. Allen, afterwards Mrs. Roberts), and Rufus. The mother of these children was notable for her traits of womanly character, and was an enthusiastic member of the Methodist denomination.

General McLellan had the reputation of a man of strict integrity, active in business, and was one of the old-time merchants and prominent characters of Bath. He was a man of extraordinary energy and persistency,—a model specimen of the Anglo-Saxon Yankee character,—and through all the revulsions of commerce and trade for forty-six years maintained his credit. He built and owned, during the time he continued in active business, more than twenty-five ships and brigs, and, by his enterprise and example, was instrumental in doing much for the growth and prosperity of the city.

**The Moody Family.**—Joshua Moody, son of William Moody, one of the original settlers of Newbury, Mass., was born in England in the year 1633, about one year before his father came to this country. As he was prepared for admission to college by the Rev. Thomas Parker, he was undoubtedly well fitted to enter college, having enjoyed the instruction of this eminent, classical scholar. Mr. Moody graduated at Harvard College in 1653; after which he commenced the study of Divinity, and very early began to preach. He had, before leaving Cambridge, made a public profession of religion, and joined the church in that town.

Mr. Moody commenced his ministerial labors in Portsmouth, N. H., early in 1658, at which place he laid the foundation, and eventually gathered the first Congregational church in that town. In 1660, the town passed a vote for his establishment in the pastoral. He had, before leaving Cambridge, made a public profession of