



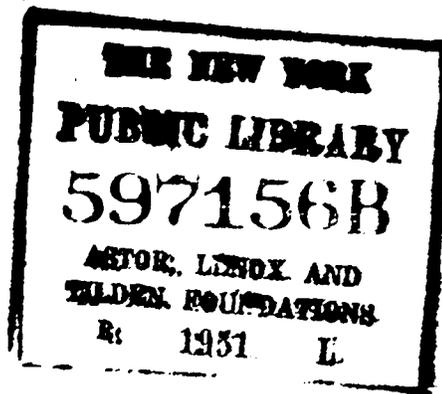
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INTRODUCTION

This "History of Crawford County, Arkansas" will stand as a fitting memorial, to bring honor and credit for many generations to come, upon its author, Clara Bertha Eno . . . a woman of great distinction.

Few of God's human creatures live even to the ripe old age of four score and ten years. But Miss Clara B. Eno has that distinction and more too, for she will celebrate on next February 14th her 97th birthday.

Few of mankind ever write a book; but Miss Eno has written several—and this one, which she has been writing for almost three score and ten years, probably creates a record in the world of literature in that it was finished and published after the author was 95 years of age

So many times great people go unnoticed around us. As a historian, Miss Eno has spent her life in gathering together the fleeting facts which, at the time may seem trivial, but later may be important episodes in history. Born in Van Buren, Feb. 14, 1854, she has seen America embroiled in five wars, and can remember well incidents of almost a century ago. A school teacher in younger years, she "retired" many years ago to devote her life to work in religious, literary and historical affairs. She is a member of Trinity Episcopal church, and gave to it a parish room; she helped to found and has been active for many years in many organizations of the city and state. Few of her neighbors know that she has been, for a generation or more, one of the outstanding historians of Arkansas. The Daughters of American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Arkansas Federation of Women's Club, the Women's Literary Club, and the Arkansas History Commission in which she has been a leading personality for years, have all felt the influence of her indefatigable energy.

To Miss Eno, a great citizen, we write this tribute, in grateful thanks for a life well spent.

HUGH PARK.

PREFACE

Realizing the importance of preserving the early history of Crawford county, so that the present and future generations may know something of its history, I have striven to give as clear and accurate descriptions of early institutions and conditions as is possible.

The gathering of the material for this book has extended over a period of many years, and a good deal of the history recorded on these pages, has been gotten through my own experiences as an early settler of the county, by contacting other early settlers, and their descendants. Some of the information secured was given from memory and there will be some mistakes. And I failed to secure as complete a record, as I wanted, of the early history of the county as a whole, due to many inquiries that went unanswered.

I wish to make a grateful acknowledgement to my friends, and to the business concerns who have given valuable assistance during the compiling of the material for the book. I especially want to mention Mr. Hugh Park, editor of the Press-Argus; Mr. Dallas Herndon, secretary of the Arkansas History Commission.

Due to my failing eyesight, it would have been impossible for me to complete this book, but owing to the help of Mrs. G. S. Boggan of Alma I have been able to prepare and present to the public, I feel, much valuable early History of Crawford county.

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