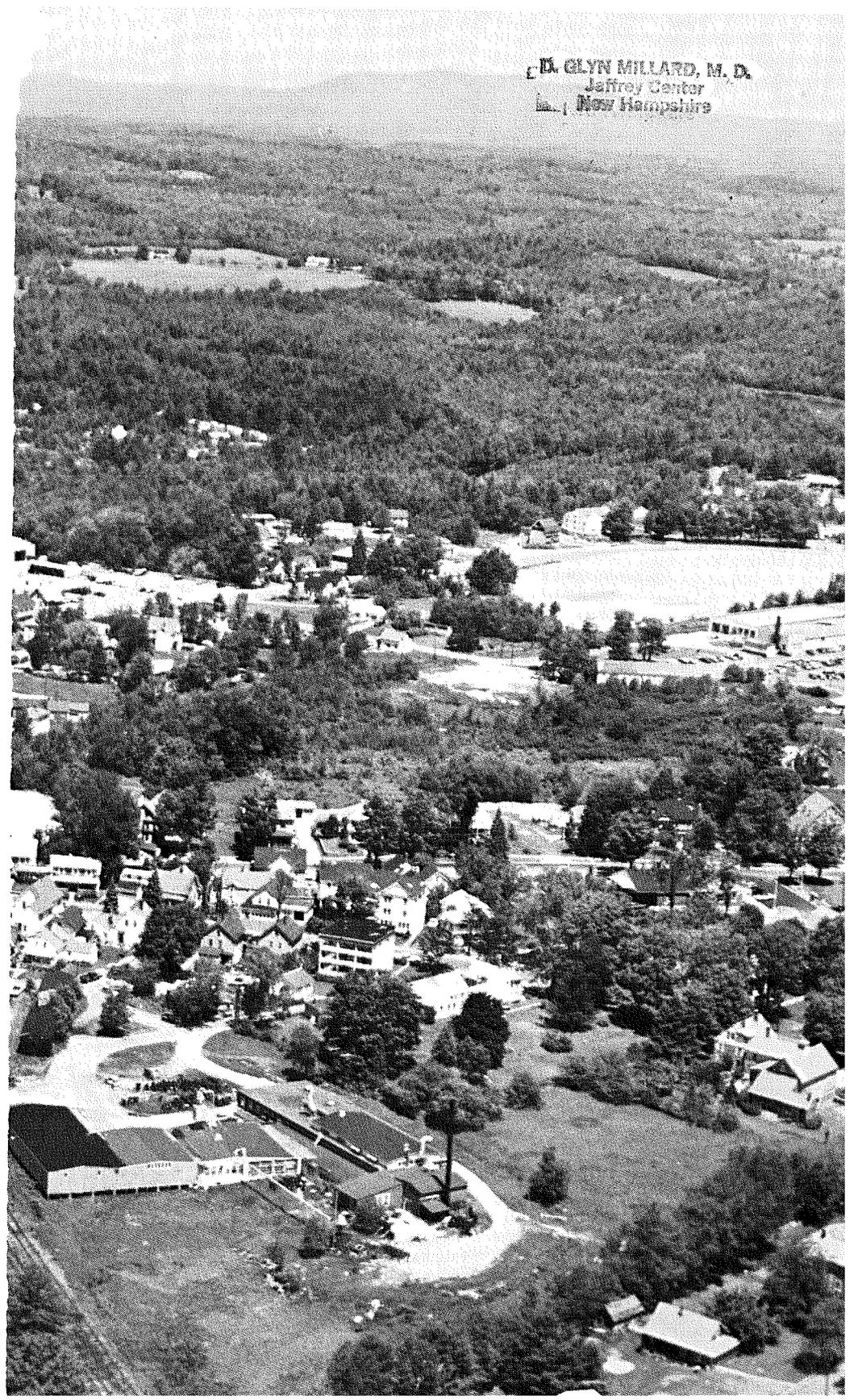


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process of Nature, new forests have sprung out of the devastation to hide old scars. Our sights we have set, not on memories of a fading past, but on the dream of a brighter tomorrow.

In our genealogical section we have made no hard and fast rules as to who is included and who is not, but rather have issued appeals to every family in Jaffrey to submit data for inclusion on these pages, new families as well as the old. Some historians require a ten-year residency, some less, as a criterion for inclusion. To us this seems unfair. The older families have contributed their share to the town and the new ones have come to contribute theirs. Consequently, we have not employed a "cut-off" date in our genealogical section.

If a man has added a new house to Jaffrey's collection of houses, we have tried to reveal it. If he has added a new business to the town's growing industrial development, we have endeavored to show it. For these are the things that keep a town growing, and Jaffrey is a growing town.

ALICE E. E. LEHTINEN

Jaffrey, New Hampshire

there may be about our times and generations will be theirs to judge.

In the following pages we have tried also to tell the story of the times that we have lived through, been a part of, and profited by. We have tried to bring out the changes in the physical aspects of our town and in the activities of its people. We have tried to show how changes which once might have taken centuries to effect have been compressed into less than forty years. The measure of our success is for those who come after us to determine.

When the earlier volumes closed in the 1930's Jaffrey was in a transition period. In this volume we have tried to depict that transition, out of which has evolved our present town, transmuted from the Jaffrey of an older day. We have seen the change from an agricultural and rural town to an industrial and suburban one. We have seen our vistas change before our very eyes. The spirit of the pioneers has left us, and we wonder what of the future, for Nature is moving in to reclaim what once was hers.

We have built new and larger schools and stores, but the current need is for even larger and more elaborate ones. We have moved from one side of the river to the other side in some aspects of our business life. We have seen businesses come and go, but many have remained to serve and enrich the community. We have felt growing pains, and overcome them, only to learn that newer ones come. We have been through wars and seen our boys go off to battle, some never to return. We have seen our children of yesterday grown into men and women of today.

A few along the way have risen to heights of large endeavor, but, for the most part, we are still a typical New England town, made up mostly of average citizens who are ever looking ahead to improvements that might be made for further happiness and prosperity. We live, we plan, we work together, and each one's contribution to the common good is an individual concern. Nevertheless, we differ in opinions, tastes, and objectives, else life would become static. It is these differences that make it possible to press on for fuller achievement of the common weal.

Tragedy and sorrow have been a part of our lives, as have joy and gladness. We have seen some of the results of our labors wiped away by fire and flood, and we have built anew. Hurricanes have lashed our forest trees to the ground, but, in the ever renewing

P R E F A C E

Jaffrey is unique. It is the only Jaffrey in the world. It is a "community family", the membership of which is ready to stand in defiance against outside pressures and discriminations. It is as if its people had a super-surname taken from the Town Seal — "By the name of Jaffrey". Like any family, there are squabbles and make-ups, but when it comes to real big issues they act, for the most part, as one. Jaffrey is growing steadily, without sudden spurts, and its industries remain stable, very little affected by "wars or no wars". These factors make Jaffrey a town for wholesome living.

In some ways the Jaffrey of the 1930's and the Jaffrey of the 1960's seem worlds apart. In the third decade, things and life were taken in their stride, in moderation — moderation in valuations, taxes, expenditures, and general economy. In the sixth decade, it is a mad race, with these things, including the cost of living and wages, going higher and higher — almost as if to prove the old adage of "the sky's the limit". Wither it will lead, future generations only will know. It is this change or contrast that the following pages endeavor to elucidate, to show that here in this country town, too, are felt some of the currents that are stirring all over the Nation, for better or worse.

Today most of those who were a part of Jaffrey in the 1930's have, in the words of William Cullen Bryant, joined "the innumerable caravan which moves to that mysterious realm" from which no man returns, and we in our time have stood at the helm, piloting the affairs of men with whatever strength of mind and character we have possessed. Our saving hope is that those who follow us can say that we have not lived entirely in vain, that Jaffrey is a little better for our having been a part of it. When measured in terms of time and eternity, thirty-five or forty years is a mere ripple on the surface, but even in that span of time much progress has been achieved in Jaffrey, which we hope, in some measure, to bring forth in the following pages.

Volumes I and II of THE HISTORY OF JAFFREY dealt, for the most part, without heroic age, the shaping of a town from a primeval wilderness. The present volume incorporates contemporary history over which time and distance have not yet cast a golden haze. To evaluate ourselves, our times, and our accomplishments will be the task of future historians. Whatever aura of enchantment

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and another generation cometh . . .”

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