

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

HUGH SCOTT, an Immigrant of 1670 and his descendants, by John Scott. Wouldst thou trust thy name to dumb forgetfulness, or to the rotting graveyard stone? Nay:—rather place it on the pages of the Printed Book. Nevada, Iowa, John Manor Scott, Printer.

This work in genealogy is a neatly printed volume of about 350 pages, illustrated with some 80 engravings—mostly portraits—of which only 300 numbered copies have been published. It was written, or compiled, by Colonel John Scott, who served in Mexico and in the War of the Rebellion, was elected for two terms to our State Senate, 1859–1885, and as Lieutenant-Governor, 1868. The book, says Colonel Scott, “was printed by my grandson, John Manor Scott, on a hand press, two pages only at a single impression.” It is therefore altogether a novelty as a specimen of the book-maker’s art, intended for little if any circulation outside of the descendants of Hugh Scott and the few public libraries to which it may be sent. Colonel Scott frankly says in his preliminary suggestions that he believes “that it contains many errors. His information has come from many sources; statements of alleged facts are in some cases contradictory; in some cases improbable; in some cases impossible.” He also as freely states that “there are many omissions.” But he has done everything in his power—and the effort is a very praiseworthy one—to present in an attractive form, such information as he has been able to obtain during the past twenty years, in regard to Hugh Scott and his now widely scattered descendants. Every intelligent reader will appreciate the difficulties to be encountered in such a task. Ancient records, decaying monuments in neglected cemeteries, old letters, failing memories and other out-of-the-way sources, must be consulted for facts and dates, and the results are too often unprofitable and unsatisfactory. But with all its shortcomings, the book is an interesting and valuable addition to Iowa genealogy and deserves a place in every public library. The title page bears “no date,” but the book is dated elsewhere 1895.

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In the 6th line page 210, for “1895,” read “1865.”

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