

EPILOGUE

Two years ago, when I realized that the fiftieth anniversary of Sumner as a Borough would fall on the first of June of this year, I determined to give a portion of my leisure hours to the task of adding to such information as at that time I possessed, relative to Sumner and its early history.

Owing to world conditions obtaining during the past twenty months, extra duties devolved upon me; consequently I have been unable to devote as much time to my investigations and writing as I had hoped.

Several references have therefore been curtailed and others, perhaps worthy of inclusion, deleted.

I trust, however, that what has been set out herein will be regarded in the light of an attempt to place on record, on the occasion of Sumner's fiftieth anniversary as a Borough, facts, which as the years go by, would probably have been more difficult to establish.

Further, it is an endeavour by me to express in my own way, my personal appreciation of what Sumner owes to those whom I have termed "Pioneers of Progress." Men who by their fortitude and courage, wisdom and foresight, have left to those who were to follow on, a generous heritage which it is the duty of all to appreciate and guard.

To those who have assisted me in collecting and typing the data for this booklet, I tender by sincere thanks.

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Long may Sumner flourish.

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