

THE

BALDWIN STORY

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PREFACE

The Baldwin Story is a narrative of a small town whose beginnings reach much further back in history than the date it was incorporated. The reader may find more enjoyment in this book if they understand its plan beforehand. This is more than a gathering of historical facts. It is a searching out of early pioneer citizens whose individual involvement have contributed to the growth of the town and the attempt to reveal the heart-beat of the times in each era, the personalities and events as they project themselves in the present.

It can be an adventure into the past that YOU can be a part of.

So many people have helped in the making of this book that to enumerate them all would weary the reader, however, special mention seems warranted to Emma P. Tanner who graciously supplied us with most of the historical facts toward the birth of Baldwin. Efforts in the "Mining" of such documented information are "pearls" of great price. We are greatly indebted to her generosity because of the limitation of time to prepare this book would not have permitted us to gather as much of this data which she compiled in her thesis of the story of Baldwin.

Some information concerning portions of family and church histories in our town have been shared so graciously it shows the blessing of God on the place where we call our home town . . . BALDWIN.

The first chapter is devoted to the underground roots of Baldwin's role preceding the Civil War and its formative years through the struggle of its early founders . . . thus forming an introduction to THE BALDWIN STORY, in its first century 1876-1976.

The remaining four chapters trace the progress of its people through the past century.

Hopefully in the reading you may discover some of the history YOU have helped to make.

We gratefully acknowledge those of you who have been so helpful and to share in this project by the Senior Citizens of Baldwin for a Centennial Birthday Observance in October 1976. To an unusual degree this is OUR book. I am privileged to compile and put it together.

Lillian Adams

