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FOREWORD

I am honoured to have been asked to write a foreword to my husband's HISTORY OF THE GIE FAMILY.

The genealogical history of a family can be as dry as dust or it can contain a great deal of interesting information. In the case of the Gie family unfortunately there are few written, or in other ways handed-down, scraps of information upon which can be based a picture of individual ancestors. However records of their movements have been traced and, into the general picture which my husband has presented of the events of the times and of the conditions obtaining during their migrations from one country to another and from one town to another, it is possible to conjure up in one's imagination a rough idea of their characters. They appear to have been stolid and dogged people who survived as a family and prospered in spite of the difficulties in which they found themselves due to the changing circumstances of their time. They had the great courage and the initiative to flee from untoward conditions, and they had the ability to adapt themselves to new conditions and to prosper in spite of changed circumstances.

I would like to pay tribute to the enormous amount of methodical and competent research which my husband has put into the task of compiling this booklet and to his refusal to be daunted by the many difficulties which lay in his way, particularly the hurdle of being so far from the scene of the family's sojournings in various parts of Europe. Anyone less determined and dedicated would have been only too ready to leave gaps in the history or to have abandoned it, but by his persistent pursuit he has miraculously obtained a continuous record from the early part of the 18th century until the present day.

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