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Further Information on the book, **THE HISTORY OF THE CHESLEY FAMILY, by Israel Chesley**

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This folder contains the following:

1. Explanation of how Campbellsport Public Library, and later, the Campbellsport Area Historical Society, came to have THE HISTORY OF THE CHESLEY FAMILY.
2. Photo -copy of the book, THE HISTORY OF THE CHESLEY FAMILY, by Israel Chesley.
3. A brief biography of Arthur Chesley (son of the author) taken from FOND DU LAC COUNTY, WISCONSIN, PAST AND PRESENT, Maurice McKenna, Editor, 1912. (This is only viewable onsite.)

When the Campbellsport Area Historical Society (CAHS) came into being, members knew very little about the items that had been stored in the Public Library in a local history file, which was made available to the public, and in file drawers in a back room, not available to the public. These items became part of the holdings of the CAHS. One of the first tasks of the CAHS was to make a record of all of the items now under their care. Among the discoveries in the back room was this amazing and unique book, THE HISTORY OF THE CHESLEY FAMILY, by Israel Chesley. It is unique in that the front part is printed, and the back part consists of lined pages, on which the owner could record further information. More amazing is the story, with its many unanswered questions, of the meandering route this book took from Campbellsport, to England, and back to Campbellsport. Along with the book was the letter you see below. A few of the unanswered questions: How did it get back to England? Was it mailed to a relative there? Did some family members return to England after so many years in North America? Or, if they did travel to England, was it just for a visit? Could Israel Chesley himself (the author) have made a trip to England? Why did it end up in a "charity store"? We leave you with no answers! But here is the letter which tells some of the story.
(S. C. Halbur)

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Dear Sir,

I found the enclosed "History of the Chesley Family" in a charity bookshop where I help, in Saffron Walden.

This little book tells about the Chesley family from its earliest days in North America from 1642 until 1898.

It may be that you still have some descendants of the Chesleys living in Campbellsport who will be interested in this account. Anyway I hope that it will give someone a little pleasure learning about the old days!

Yours sincerely,

Frank Bowles.

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