

FOREWORD

In 1901 Alexander Thompson Moorhead published a history of the Moorhead family. It told of how Alexander Moorhead hoped to leave Scotland to make a new home in America, but his wife died before his hopes could be realized, and after that he felt that he wanted to remain Scotland. His son Alexander still held the hope of going but he too died shortly before he and his family were to start. His widow, always in sympathy with his plans, persisted and she and her son, another Alexander Moorhead, sailed for America in 1764. After a long and dangerous voyage of twenty-six weeks in a sailing vessel they landed at Philadelphia. He and his children to the third and fourth generation lived the lives that all early settlers on the frontier lived in those pioneer days.