

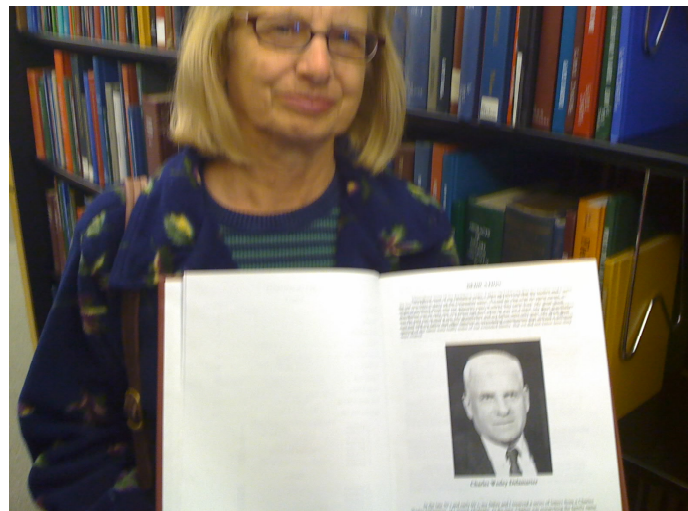
**Connect With Our Past:
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**the NEXT PAGE is the book's Dedication to
Charles Wesley Delamarter**

DEDICATION

Throughout most of my formative years, I grew up believing that my brother and I were the last two boys to carry on the Delamarter name. We had no idea what the name meant, its origin or anything about who our ancestors were or where they came from. My great-great grandfather was an only son. His father had died when he was yet a child. My great grandfather was the only son to bear a son. My grandfather and my father were only sons. My great-great aunt had told my father that other families in surrounding communities that utilized a different spelling of the name were really some of our extended family. But we did not know how they were related.



In the late 50's and early 60's, my father and I received a series of letters from a Charles Wesley Delamarter, of Lansing, Michigan. At the time, Charles was researching the family name and trying to build a data base from which to compile a Delamarter Family History. He was quite interested in our family, since we spelled our last name the same way as his. At the time, we could not find any connection between our two families. However, from his warm and informative communications I began to form a series of questions in my mind that would not go away. I needed to know more. He pointed me to two books: *The History of Harlem*, by James Riker and *The Genealogy of Descendants of Claude Le Maitre*, by Lafayette De La Mater.