

Preface

The publication of this volume of Southern Jewry completes a work which was started about two years ago. The original plan was to issue a series of these books so that the organizations and the individuals who have contributed to the well-being and advancement of our community might be perpetuated.

We say original plan advisedly. The severe period of financial stress which has followed in the wake of this publication has hindered its progress to such an extent that this volume has been delayed in publication for more than a year. And the series of these volumes will be postponed indefinitely, or until such time as conditions have adjusted themselves.

The gathering of material has been exceedingly difficult. Many of our older citizens have passed to the great beyond. We have utilized every bit of source material that we were able to find, and have searched old records diligently in the hope of adding valuable material to this publication.

We appreciate the co-operation of the many people who have assisted us in this work. Without their co-operation, the publication of Southern Jewry would have been impossible. We appreciate the courtesy extended to us by the subscribers of this book who have patiently awaited its publication.

We hope that our efforts have not been in vain, and that the path of some one who might endeavor to carry on this work might be made somewhat easier to travel because of our work. At any rate, Southern Jewry will be a preserved record of a wealth of information which would otherwise be lost.

—Milton W. Goldberger

—Joseph L. Malamut