

# A Cumberland Valley

## A History of the Parish of Lorton



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VALLEY**

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**This book is dedicated**

**to my four granddaughters, for each of whom during their early years, "White Ash" was their home from home;**

**to my two daughters, for whom it was a refuge from the hurly-burly of city life;**

**and to my wife, who made it so for them.**

This book is intended for the general reader and for those who have come to love the valley by residence or visiting. However, Chapters 9, 13 and 14 are the result of lengthy and detailed research and they invite further action from the more historically minded reader.

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