TOWNSHIP SKETCHES

An apology is due here, to those gentlemen who so kindly furnished the Sketches quoted by you. From the manner of our solicitation, it was naturally conceded that our writers would use complete and correct information. Indeed, such was our purpose, and to publish them, too, as near as possible, as we received them, that we might, in the event of anything being inserted which we should afterwards discover to be in error, be able to correct it in the future editions; and we hope we can do so. We cannot, however, promise to publish the shortest possible correct synopsis of many associations, even if the information is requested. We can, at any rate, assure you that we will do our best to give credit to our informants, whereas we fear they will not think it unkind if we do not so acknowledge.

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