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OF
BOLTON AND BOWLING

(TOWNSHIPS OF BRADFORD)

Historically and Topographically Treated.

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The prosperity of Bradford has been largely dependent upon the enterprise developed in its several townships, and it appeared desirable, therefore, that more ample recognition should be made of the places referred to than has hitherto been vouchsafed in the scanty notices which have already appeared. If this effort be approved, the Author hopes to be able to continue these township histories until the whole borough has been similarly treated, believing that by such a method alone a complete History of Bradford can be compiled.

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The subject has been treated in a popular rather than in an archæological manner, and although the mine of wealth existing has been far from exhausted, the present effort will form a substantial groundwork upon which additional material may be placed.

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