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About the AuthorMARTHA GRASSHAM PURCELL was born in Dycusburg, Crittenden County, Kentucky, and as a child moved with her parents to neighboring Salem in Livingston County. She began her career as a schoolteacher at the tender age of thirteen, in a country school near Salem. She continued to teach at intervals during her college years, securing a position as a teacher at the Southern Normal School in Huntingdon, Tennessee. She organized the first two graded schools in Livingston County, and eventually served as principal of both. She served for several years on the Board of Examiners for Livingston County, and eventually held a seat on the board of education in Paducah, McCracken County. Mrs. Purcell authored several historical books that were used in the schools, including this one in 1915.