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# PREFACE

Almost four years have elapsed since we wrote the preface to the first edition of this volume. Some of the things we said then will bear repeating. In the division of labor involved in the research and writing of the book, Myles E. Hill has been mainly concerned with chapters 1 through 9, while John S. Goff has concentrated on 10 through 20. The final chapters have been largely a joint project. It is our hope that we have included new material not generally found in previous Arizona histories and have also portrayed the more customary aspects of the state story.

Several persons have aided us in our work; our wives have been most helpful. In addition several friends and colleagues have aided in our project. Librarians and their staffs often assisted beyond the normal call of duty. L. Max Connolly has done his usual capable work in the technical aspects of the production of the book in both editions.

In future years we plan to revise and keep current the materials found herein. We would therefore be pleased to hear from our readers who have suggestions regarding items to be included in future editions.

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Tucson and Tubac as to what might be planned. It split into segments and James accompanied Michel Robidoux; near the junction of the Gila and Salt Rivers the Indians attacked and Pattie barely managed to escape. After settling scores with the natives the trappers set to work on not only the Gila but the Salt and Verde Rivers as well. In his wanderings Pattie traveled to the south rim of the Grand Canyon and then into the northwest before returning to Santa Fe.

Unfortunately the governor of New Mexico seized the furs Pattie and his company brought back. Meanwhile Sylvester Pattie had managed to lose his mining fortune too. In the fall of 1827 the two Patties joined another party headed by George Yount which was heading down the Gila. They followed that river to the Colorado and then trekked across the desert to the coast where they were thrown into jail at San Diego. The governor of California accused them of being Spanish spies! In time Sylvester Pattie died in prison but James Ohio managed to win his freedom by promising to go to the Colorado River, retrieve the furs he had stored, and return. Later a smallpox epidemic struck and Pattie turned to vaccinating large numbers of people. He was promised money for this but the California governor sought to pay him with land. However to accept the land he would have to renounce his citizenship and become a Catholic. Refusing, James set off for Mexico City where he told his troubles to the sympathetic but

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