# THE REMINISCENCES OF AN ALBANY SETTLER

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## PREFACE

When the Rev. H.H. Dugmore presented his "Reminiscences of an Albany Settler" to a gathered assembly in Grahamstown in May 1870, just 50 years had passed since the arrival of 1820 Settlers. While more than 150 years have passed since these memories were published, but they remain as vivid and as interesting as ever and are deserving of a new audience.

In compiling this reprint, we've included a number of images of people and events described in the book. Many of these images or depictions are in the public domain, but some were made available by the Rhodes University's Cory Library and Archives, to whom we express our gratitude.

Only minor changes were made to the text of the book. Where explanations of some of the Dutch descriptions and terminology were deemed necessary, or where sources of quotations could be traced, footnotes were added. Obvious spelling errors were corrected, and derogatory appellations have been edited.

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## INTRODUCTION

The author of the following lecture offers to his Brother Settlers the "Reminiscences" it contains as his contribution towards a "Jubilee Memorial." It will be a great satisfaction to him should they prove the means of awakening many other recollections of our: first half-century of Colonial life, and of inducing those in whose memories they are stored to place them on record, before the possibility of doing so passes away for ever. It is in the hope that what he has written may become a nucleus around which such recollections may cluster, that he now submits it to the consideration of the Sons and Daughters of the British Settlers of 1820.