

of the last century gave impetus to a rash of county histories.

The Regional Publishing Company is to be congratulated for re-issuing *Western Maryland* on good quality paper and in a serviceable binding. This is just one of a series of reprints of valuable reference books on local history and genealogy that the publishers have issued in recent years.

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History of the Galley Family (1908). Revised and enlarged by NANCY WARE GALLEY, *et al.*, 1968. (Privately printed for the family association by Charles Henry Printing Company, Greensburg, Pa. Pp. 500. \$25.00.)

Most family histories (aside from containing much folklore) hold little interest for researchers, except for kin, genealogists, and the rare historian whose work raises some question involved with the clan's history.

History of the Galley Family is of great value for some 250 pages of historical and sociological material written for the original work by its principal author, Dr. J. O. Arnold, of Philadelphia.

Dr. Arnold, a Galley descendant, wrote in 1887 concerning Fayette County as he knew it in his youth (he was born in 1820) and as he remembered hearing about it from his family, who had been in the area for two decades before his birth. He was still alive and alert and took a principal hand in the first publication of the *History* when he was nearly a century old.

This valuable material, somewhat paralleling Doddridge's celebrated "Notes," has apparently escaped scholarly notice up to this time because of the small number and limited circulation of the former printing.

Pittsburgh

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If He Can Make Her So. By RON CAPLAN. (Pittsburgh: Frontier Press, 1969. Pp. 85. Bibliography. \$6.00.)

One afternoon in 1968, while I was engrossed in research of early Pittsburgh history, I suddenly heard a young man ask the librarian of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania for material on