

JOHN HOWARD PAYNE

SOUVENIR

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Facsimile of Original Autograph of

* "HOME, SWEET HOME" *

'Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home!
A charm from the sky seems to hallow us there
Which, seek through the world, is ne'er met with elsewhere.

Home! Home! sweet, sweet Home!
There's no place like Home!
There's no place like Home!

An exile from home, splendor dazzles in vain!
Oh, give me my lowly thatch'd cottage again!
The birds singing sweetly that came at my call!
Give me them, - with the peace of mind dearer than all!

Home, Home! sweet, sweet Home!
There's no place like Home!
There's no place like Home!

John Howard Payne.

Washington, June 4. 1849.



JOHN HOWARD PAYNE.

Facsimile of Pencil Drawing from Life

by A.M. Freeman, 1848.

HISTORY OF THE AUTOGRAPH AND PORTRAIT OF JOHN HOWARD PAYNE,

AS REPRODUCED ON INSIDE PAGES.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., 4, 3, 1883.

John Howard Payne was an intimate friend of my mother and aunt (Mrs. John B. Colvin). For some time previous to his departure for Tunis the last time he was an inmate of my home, situated on Twelfth Street, between D and E Streets, Washington, D. C. The autograph "Home, Sweet Home" was written for my sister (Mrs. M. D. Gilman, deceased), at whose death it came into my possession.

The pencil portrait was executed by a Miss Freeman of New York City, a celebrated portrait painter of that day (1849), a few weeks before Mr. Payne's final departure. It was considered by his friends and acquaintances as a very accurate and life-like picture. I knew and loved him from boyhood, and his picture was a household treasure in our home, as his presence was a joy to every member of the family.

DUNBAR S. DYSON.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
McLEAN COUNTY, } SS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Dunbar S. Dyson, April 13, 1883.



HENRY D. SPENCER,
Notary Public.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., April 13, 1883.

PRANG & CO., BOSTON, MASS.

Gentlemen, — We have read the accompanying statement of Dr. D. S. Dyson regarding the poem and portrait of John Howard Payne, and would say that we have known Dr. Dyson many years. He is an honorable gentleman, and we have perfect confidence in the facts regarding the poem and portrait being just as he has represented them.

John M. Hamilton Gov.
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