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The Life of a Founding Father of Auburn and Lewiston, Maine

This full-length biography of Edward Little (1773–1849) details his early career as a businessman, lawyer, and politician in Newburyport, Massachusetts, until two disasters resulted in massive debt. He then went to Portland, Maine, to manage the business affairs of his father and of the Pejepscot Proprietors' land company. Finally, at the age of fifty-three, he settled in Danville, now Auburn, Maine, where he founded what became Edward Little High School. Less well known is the role of the Little family in founding a church, bridges, railroads, and the mills at the falls, until the latter were taken over by Boston-based investors. This is the story of a remarkable life.

This book also contains the letters that Edward Little addressed to “Dear Parent,” his father, Josiah, that are owned by the Androscoggin Historical Society. They depict the early conditions in the development of the Androscoggin Valley, relations between the Littles and the settlers, and the relations among the Little family themselves. This provides a fascinating look at life in a rural Maine settlement.

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