

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

PREFACE . . . . .	5
I. NATIVE BEGINNINGS AND THE BRITISH HERITAGE. . . . .	9
A. Pre-Websterian American Dictionaries (1798-1806) . . . . .	9
B. Webster's First Dictionary (1806) . . . . .	14
C. The British Heritage . . . . .	24
II. AN AMERICAN DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (1828). . . . .	34
A. Reception and Critical Evaluation . . . . .	34
B. Additions to the Vocabulary . . . . .	36
C. Comparison with Johnson's Dictionary . . . . .	38
1. Vocabulary. . . . .	38
2. Use of quotations . . . . .	41
3. Definitions . . . . .	43
D. Linguistic Patriotism . . . . .	46
E. Treatment of Americanisms . . . . .	49
F. Spelling . . . . .	54
G. Pronunciation . . . . .	56
1. Orthoëpic method and ideas . . . . .	56
2. Pronunciations recorded . . . . .	59
H. Etymology . . . . .	75
J. Webster's Segmental Phonemes (1828) . . . . .	79
III. WORCESTER'S DICTIONARIES AND WEBSTERIAN REVISIONS (1827-64) . . . . .	82
A. The War of the Dictionaries: Round One. . . . .	82
B. The War of the Dictionaries: Round Two . . . . .	85
C. Worcester's Early Work (1827-30) . . . . .	88
D. Worcester's Universal and Critical Dictionary (1846) . . . . .	90
E. Worcester's Dictionary of the English Language (1860) . . . . .	95
1. Reception and critical evaluation . . . . .	96
2. Salient features . . . . .	96
F. Conclusions. . . . .	102

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY . . . . .	104
INDEX OF AUTHORS . . . . .	111
INDEX OF WORDS . . . . .	113