

Worcester. He subsequently removed to Fitchburg. He was a member of the Baptist church and a highly respected citizen. His death, which took place in 1884, was regretted by a wide circle of friends. His wife, a daughter of Zimri Sherwin, of Townsend, died in 1867. They had six children, of whom John H. was the youngest.

John H. Daniels graduated from the Fitchburg High School in 1863, and subsequently took a course at a commercial college. He began his business career at the age of nineteen as clerk in the Provost Marshal's office in Greenfield, in which he was employed in 1864-65. For the next twenty years he was connected with the Fitchburg Railroad, first as clerk in the freight office, then as freight cashier, and later as ticket and freight agent. In 1884 he came into possession of a fine tract of land, embracing one hundred and fifty acres and including what had been known as the Daniels farm, lying by the side of the Fitchburg Railroad between Fitchburg and West Fitchburg; and he proceeded to develop it as a manufacturing centre, subsequently giving much of his time to this enterprise. He attracted manufacturers by the gift of suitable land for a site for their factories, opened streets, and encouraged the building of stores, schools, and dwellings. As the result of his efforts and public spirit, within a few years a thriving community was established, which now numbers several extensive manufactories, employing a large number of hands, many dwelling-houses, a public and a parochial school, a French Catholic Church, and thirty stores.

Mr. Daniels is especially actively concerned in the growth and welfare of Fitchburg and in its educational and religious interests. He has been secretary of the Board of Trade from its reorganization in 1891, is a trustee of the Fitchburg Savings Bank, a director of the Fidelity Co-operative Bank, was vice-president of the Young Men's Christian Association, and treasurer of the First Baptist Church of Fitchburg. He served in the Common Council in 1884-85, and has been a member of the School Board since 1888.

Mr. Daniels was married in 1872 to Miss

Abby F. Lane, who died in 1879, leaving two children: Herbert L., a graduate of Cornell University; and Ernest T., who is in the hardware business in Fitchburg. In 1892 he married Miss Florence R. Dwinnell, by whom he has two children — Ellen Shepherd and George Eaton Daniels.

ALBERT L. GILMAN, founder of the well-known carriage manufactory in Worcester which is still carried on in his name, was born in the Province of Quebec, November 25, 1848, son of Roswell and Arathusa Gilman. His parents had migrated from one of the Western States to Canada before his birth. They managed a farm in Canada until 1868, and then, removing to Auburn, Mass., they there engaged in the same occupation.

Albert L. Gilman was educated in Canada. He assisted his father in farm work until beginning his apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade, and after its completion he accompanied his parents to Massachusetts. He found employment in a carriage shop on Cypress Street, Worcester, whose proprietor was Henry Edwards, with whom he remained some eight years, becoming an expert carriage builder. In 1876 Mr. Gilman established himself in business at the corner of Thomas and Union Streets; and shortly afterward, enlarging his enterprise by purchasing B. D. Rice's factory, he continued in that location until the property was sold, when he removed to Washington Square. To meet the demands of his constantly increasing business, he at length erected and equipped a two-story brick building on Exchange Street, and in due time found himself in possession of the best appointed carriage factory in the city. He manufactured vehicles of all kinds, including wagons for the fire and other departments, police patrol wagons, ambulances, and so on. Possessing the faculty of designing vehicles for any purpose desired, he was called upon to build many styles of carriages and wagons. These invariably proved satisfactory, and in that particular field he was practically without opposition. As far as possible each component part of a