

months; Sadie, who died at the age of eleven years; and Amelia, who was born May 16, 1891. Mr. Gilman is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias, and a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. For three years he was a trustee of the Mechanics' Association; and he is an ex-president of the Sportsman Club, of which he has been a member for twenty years. He has resided at 45 Prospect Street since 1881. Mr. and Mrs. Gilman are members of the parish of the Universalist church.

ALANSON GIBSON HINDS, for more than thirty years connected with the leading boot and shoe manufactories of Worcester, Mass., died at his home in this city, November 11, 1894. Born in Hubbardston, Mass., February 26, 1812, son of Calvin and Susie (Clark) Hinds, both natives of that town, he was a lineal descendant of James Hinds, who came from England in 1637, and, settling at Salem, Mass., was enrolled as freeman and received a grant of land in 1638.

When Alanson was nine years of age his mother died, leaving her husband and eight children. The family were soon scattered, and during the years directly following Alanson lived successively in Barre, Hubbardston, and New Braintree, Mass. In those days girls and boys had to work, and he was no exception to the rule. As he often remarked in reminiscence, "all that could be gotten out of children was considered clear gain." He was kept constantly busy with farm work except a few weeks in the winter, when he attended the district school. To be able to "figger" through the "Rule of Three" was considered education enough. When about twenty years of age he went to Brookfield, Mass., and learned the tanner's and currier's trade, one of the best trades of the day. In April, 1833, he settled in Grafton, Mass., working at his trade for a time, later making himself conversant with all branches of boot and shoe making. With the exception of bottoming, he could take the raw hide and bring it to completion in the well-made boot or shoe.

Desirous of engaging in business on his own account in the forties, he established a boot and shoe factory in Grafton, Mass., and with competent assistants in his shop founded a successful business, and won an excellent reputation for substantial and durable goods. He became known throughout the community as a man of honest integrity, whose word was as good as his bond, he being scrupulously upright in all his transactions and held in high regard by his employees. Boston was the centre of trade, buyers coming there from far and near; and the most of his goods were sold in that city. In the fifties he opened a store in Dubuque, Ia., spending a part of the year riding over the prairies to sell goods. In the financial crisis of 1857, when it was impossible to get money from the banks, and payments were not made, he was obliged to become insolvent, with assets more than liabilities, could they have been collected. He deemed it wise to avoid risks during the subsequent hard times. In April, 1863, he located in Worcester, Mass., which was a centre for boot and shoe trade. He was engaged with the leading manufactories, including the Walkers—father and sons—J. H. Walker, E. N. Childs, S. R. Heywood, and others, utilizing his practical knowledge to their advantage, continuing in this line until his retirement from business at eighty years of age. He was not an "old man": for over fifty years he employed a doctor but once. He attributed his excellent health to temperate habits, making no use of tobacco. A stanch supporter of the Republican party, he was interested in the political and moral problems of the day and in all progressive thought. He was a devoted member of the Unitarian church in Grafton thirty years, and afterward of the Church of the Unity in Worcester, rarely missing a service for a quarter of a century. He was quiet and domestic in his tastes, enjoying to the utmost the comforts of his pleasant and hospitable home, appreciating refinement wherever found, in lives, in books, in music. At an early age he taught himself to play the clarinet, and for years he was considered the best clarinet player in this part of the country. He played in church thirty years, and also for