

Col. Borden Was Prominent In Business and Finance

Often referred to as the father of the Old Fall River Line, Col. Richard Borden had many accomplishments beginning with manufacturing and extending to shipping, the railroads and the banks.

Born in Freetown in 1795, he was prominent in business and financial matters here for more than 50 years. He was one of the organizers of the Fall River Iron Works, being treasurer and agent up to the time of his retirement.

Col. Borden was interested in the

building and operation of the Watuppa Reservoir Co., the Troy and Annawan Mills, American Print Works, the Metacomet Mill, Fall River Railroad and Steamboat line, the Gas Works, the American Linen

Co., the Richard Borden Mill and many others. He was the second president of the Fall River National Bank.

It was he who pressed for the transportation between Fall River, Boston and New York. He rose from private in the local militia company to colonel. His varied interests made him one of the most prominent men in these parts in history.

Jennings Was Textile Great

William H. Jennings, an outstanding leader in Fall River's business history, began work at 13 as a clerk in a grocery store.

For a short time he was a claims adjuster for the Old Colony Railroad. In 1886 he organized the Merchants' Manufacturing Co. and within two days obtained a stock subscription of \$800,000. The company built the largest single mill in Fall River at that time.

In the years between 1866 and 1883, he became president of the Globe Railway Co., Globe Yarn Mills and Barnard Mfg. Co. He was also a director of the Wampanoag Mills and the Crystal Springs Bleachery in Assonet.

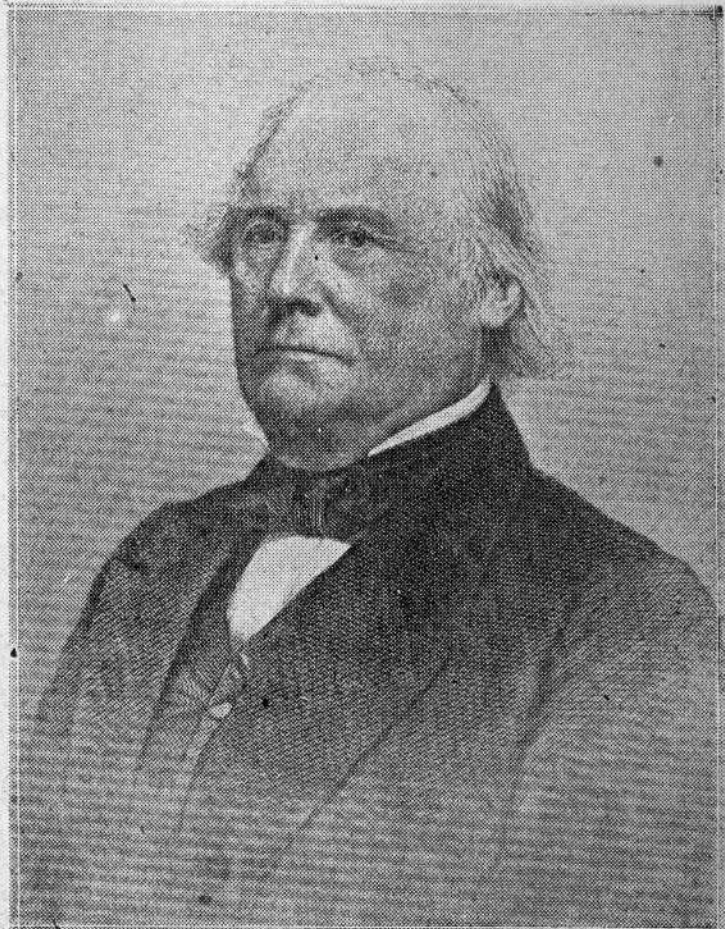
He served in the Common Council in 1857 and 1858.

SLATES USED IN 1820

Slates did not come into general use until about 1820, and lead pencils not until many years later.

FIRST GRANITE BLOCK

The first Granite Block in Fall River was built in 1843. It was erected by the Pocasset Co.



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