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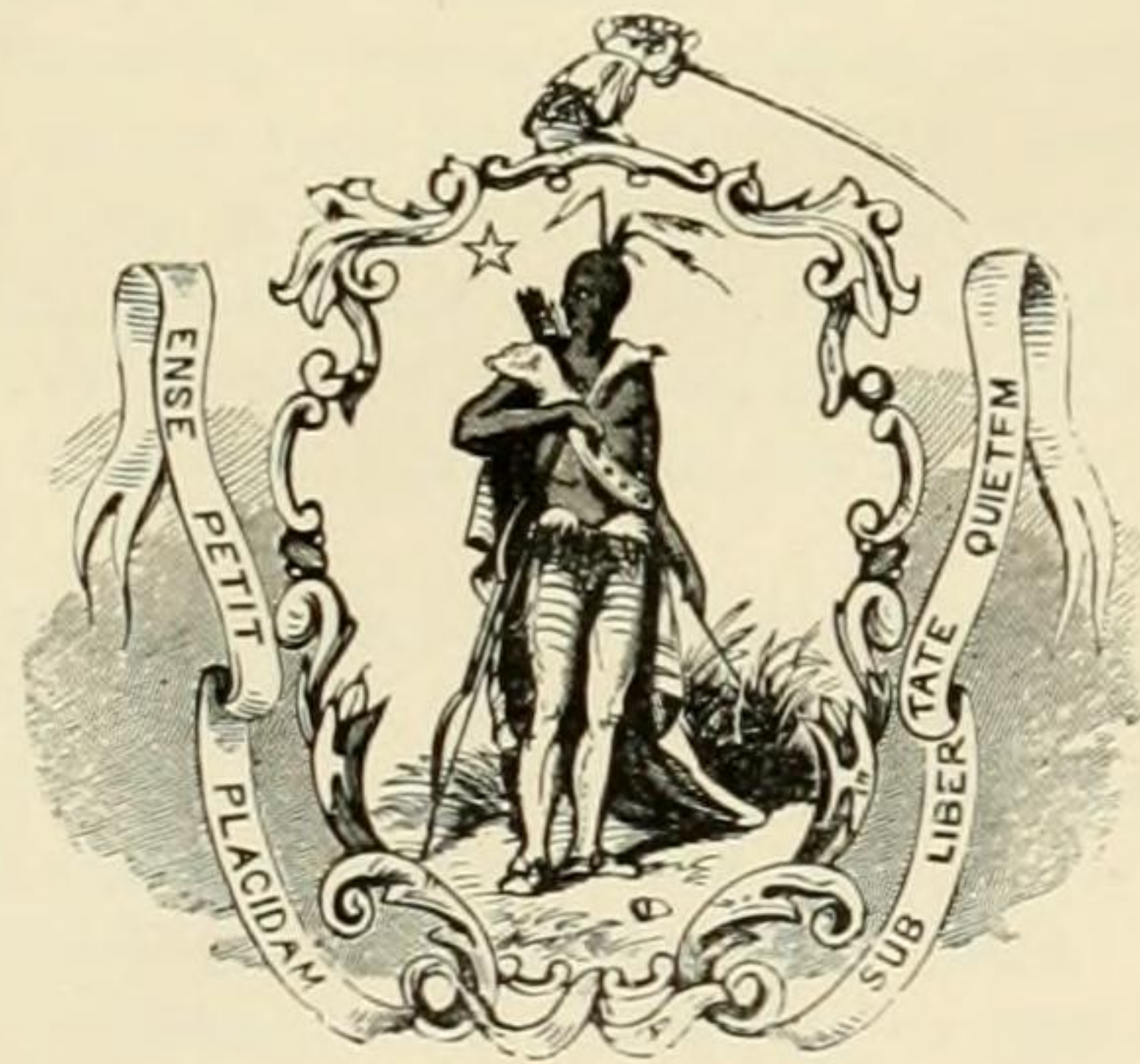
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RICHARD F. HAWKINS is a man whom the citizens of Springfield have time and again sought to honor with political office, but who has steadfastly refused to step beyond the bounds of private life, excepting in two or three instances where he considered it his duty to do so. Mr. Hawkins is a representative man of the times. He was born in Lowell, Mass., March 9, 1837, but removed to Springfield with his family at an early age. When sixteen years old he was graduated from the Springfield High School and began work as an office boy for Stone & Harris, railroad bridge builders. He continued with them until 1862, when Mr. Stone retired and Mr. Hawkins, in partnership with D. L. Harris, continued the business. In 1867 Mr. Harris retired, and Mr. Hawkins absorbed the entire business, under the name of the R. F. Hawkins Iron Works. He has since continued the business without a change, and has greatly increased the volume of the business. When Mr. Hawkins first became a member of the firm the building of the Howe truss bridge was the principal business carried on.

Prior to this time nothing but wooden bridges had been built. Mr. Hawkins began the construction of iron bridges, and for many years has constructed only those. Mr. Hawkins is a natural mechanic, and to him should be credited in considerable measure the development of the use of iron as a building commodity in New England. In addition to bridges he has conceived and turned out a large quantity of the iron and steel material used in the construction of the railroads and locomotives of to-day.

His business has grown until he is proprietor of one of the leading industries of the city. Among the structures that stand as fair examples of his work are the New Bedford and Springfield jails, which are constructed largely of iron. Among the other notable structures for which Mr. Hawkins is responsible is the Willimansett bridge, near Holyoke, eight hundred feet in length. This bridge is built of iron, and was constructed at the expense of the city of Holyoke and neighboring towns.

He also constructed the Northampton bridge for the Massachusetts Central Railroad. This is an iron bridge, and is one thousand five hundred feet in length. Mr. Hawkins is a Republican, and has frequently been the choice of the party managers for mayor, but he has never been induced to accept the nomination, for the reason that he would be compelled to neglect either the office or his private business. He was an alderman for three years, and is at the present time a water commissioner. Mr. Hawkins is one of the most active members of the Board of Trade and one of the directors. He is also a



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member of the Financial Committee of the Hampden Savings Bank. Mr. Hawkins was married on Sept. 3, 1862, to Cornelia Morgan, daughter of A. B. and Sarah (Cadwell) Howe. They have five children,—Paul, Florence, Edith, Ethel and David Hawkins. In all matters relating to the scientific construction of iron bridges Mr. Hawkins is considered one of the best authorities in the country, and his opinion is held in high esteem by experts in the same line of work.

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college at Pierce Academy, Middleborough. He was graduated from Brown University, Providence, R. I., in the class of 1847.

Choosing the profession of law, he passed the preparatory studies in his father's office, and was admitted to the bar, and began the practice of law in Freetown, in 1850. In 1856 he was elected a member of the state Senate. He was appointed a weigher and gauger in the custom house, Boston, 1857, and held the office until 1861. In 1857 he removed to Dorchester, which was his home for ten years. In 1861 he became a member of the Stock Exchange, Boston, and remained until 1867, when he resumed the practice of law, removing to Fall River, where he has ever since resided.

Mr. Hatheway was elected alderman in 1874; a member of the House of Representatives, 1875; and was postmaster at Fall River under the administration of President Cleveland.

Mr. Hatheway was married in Freetown, January 1, 1851, to Fanny P., daughter of Benjamin and Rosamond (Hatheway) Dean. Of this union are two sons: Nelson D. Hatheway, M. D. (deceased), and Nicholas Hatheway, Jr., graduate of Brown University, class of 1883, now a practicing lawyer in Fall River.

Mr. Hatheway is a Mason of the thirty-third degree, and an active member of the order. Politically he has always been a worker in the ranks of the Democratic party. He has been a delegate to state conventions for the past forty years; also a delegate from the 1st congressional district to the national Democratic conventions of 1868, '72, '76, and '80, and a member of the Democratic state committee for many years. He is well and favorably known as a political speaker.

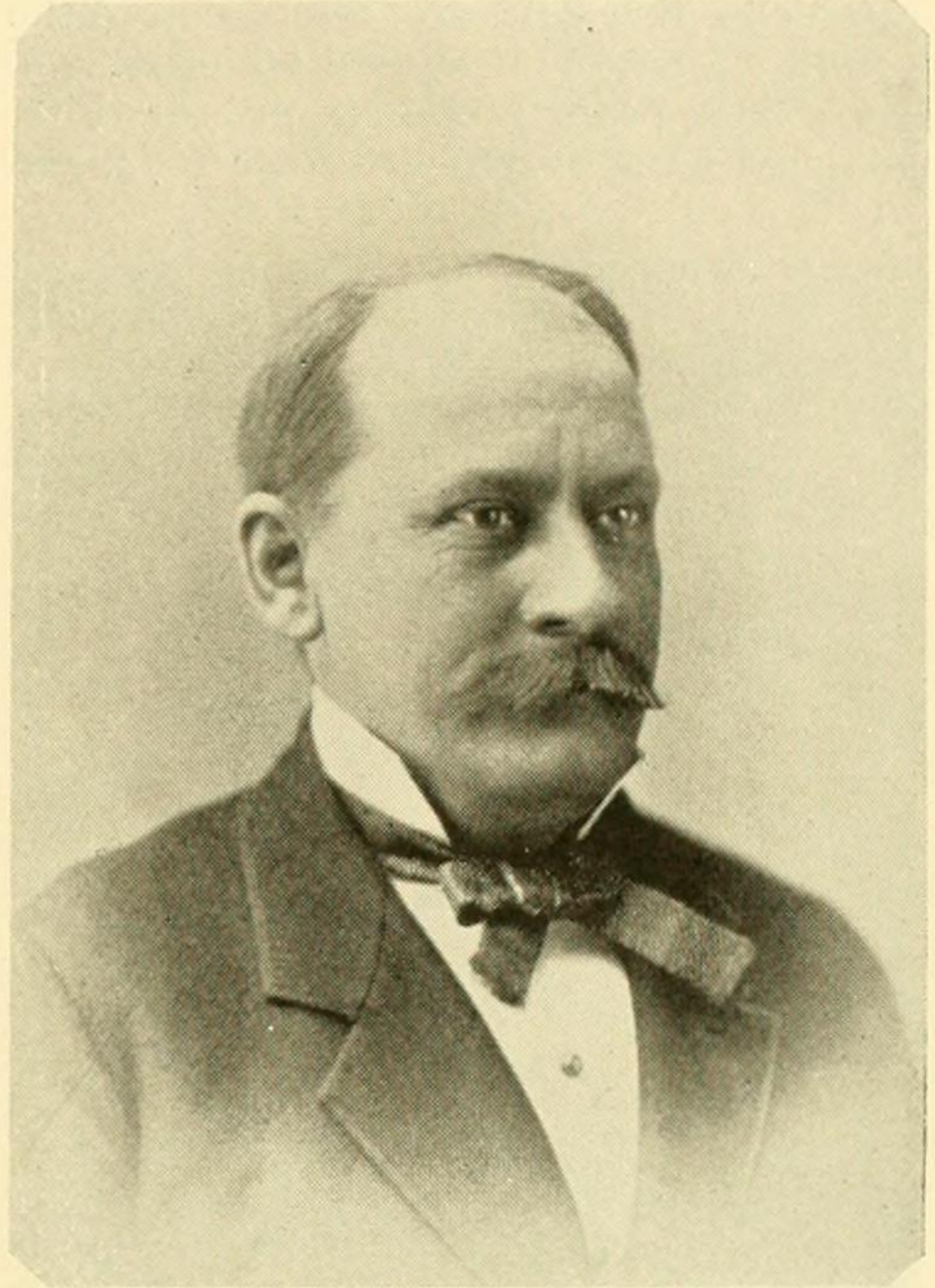
**HAWKINS, RICHARD F.**, son of Alpheus and Celia A. (Rhodes) Hawkins, was born in Lowell, Middlesex county, on the 9th day of March, 1837.

His early education was obtained at the common schools and the high school of Springfield. At the age of sixteen he began work as office boy for Stone & Harris, railroad and bridge builders. In 1862 he became a partner of D. L. Harris in the same business, succeeding to the entire control in 1867, which extensive business he still conducts, under the name of the R. F. Hawkins Iron Works, whose products are bridges, steam-boilers, iron castings, machinery, etc.

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Mr. Hawkins has for years been identified with all the current matters of interest



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in the community, but has never aspired to become a politician, preferring to spend his time and energies in the more congenial details of his prosperous business interests. He held the office of alderman for three years, but though often offered other positions, has invariably declined.

**HAYDEN, EDWARD DANIEL**, son of Ezekiel and Elizabeth Hayden, was born in Cambridge, Middlesex county, December 27, 1833.

After passing the common schools, he fitted for college in Lawrence Academy, Groton, and having honorably and successfully pursued his course at Harvard, was graduated from that university in 1854.

His first connection in business was with J. B. Winn & Co., who conducted a large tanning establishment at Woburn.

Mr. Hayden was first married in Woburn, February 9, 1862, to Marcia A., daughter of Jonathan B. and Nancy W. Winn. His second marriage was with Ellen F., daughter of George and Lucy A. Champney. He has no children.

Mr. Hayden was paymaster in the United States navy, 1862 to '65; member of the