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**Warren S. Parker**

b. 1862 – d. 1944

Warren S. Parker had devoted all his life to Quincy, and in return became known as one of Quincy's most well known and most loved persons. Born in 1861 on Gay Street where now stands Saint John's Church rectory, he began his life during the strife of war, such as these in which he died. He was the son of William and Emeline Wilson Parker, who were also of Quincy.

Warren Parker inherited his keen interest in the building trade from his father who built such famous historic buildings as the stable at the Adams Mansion, on Newport Avenue. In 1871, he built the house on Presidents Hill for Charles Francis Adams and in 1872 he built the Greenleaf Block on Hancock Street in Quincy Center. In the 1850s he was the designer and builder of the old Quincy High School. He was also the builder for the old Coddington School and the old Quincy School.

With such inheritance as this it is only evident that the sons of William Parker should add much more to the construction of the city of Quincy. For 25 years Mr. Parker conducted and built up his own city business. He was appointed city building inspector in 1907 by Mayor James Thompson and was the first such inspector after the establishment of the office. He served this office 25 years and served under Mayors Thompson, William T. Shea, Eugene R Stone, Gustave R. Bates, Joseph L. Whiton, William A. Bradford, Perley E. Barbour and Thomas J. McGrath.

While he held the position of building inspector Mr. Parker became interested in old Quincy houses and residents. He made many lantern slides and gave many lectures as a result this interest.

NOTE: Quincy City Council voted in January 1945, to spend \$2,500 to acquire The Warren S. Parker historical collection, to be housed in the Thomas Crane Public Library.