



**Charles H. Drew  
(1853 – 1937)**

Charles H. Drew was born in Kingston on May 20, 1853, son of Seth D. and Emily (Robbins) Drew. He married Harriet Holmes of Kingston on July 7, 1879, by whom he was the father of: Clarence R. Drew and Emily F. Drew, the latter being a locally famous historian. He died on May 19, 1937.

According to an obituary notice that appeared in the May 20, 1937 issue of the *Old Colony Memorial*, “He attended the Kingston schools, and when a lad, on account of ill health, made two voyages to sea, one to the Mediterranean and one to South America. He was always interested in yachting, and owned the racing boat ‘Major D.’ Mr. Drew had always been active in town [Kingston] affairs, and was one of the first members of the Board of Trustees of the Frederic C. Adams Public Library, and for many years was a member of the Board of Water Commissioners of the town. He was a member of the First Parish church, and for years, chairman of the Parish committee, treasurer, and clerk. In 1872 he entered the firm of C. Drew and Co., iron workers, retiring in 1925, after more than fifty years of active service in the firm, at which time he was the senior member of the senior firm in Kingston.”