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GEORGE C. HOWARD, THE INVENTOR IS DEAD – Passes Away at his Home in Lansdowne after an Active Career

George C Howard, the famed inventor, who passed away at his home in Lansdowne on Saturday, was a resident of Wallingford for many years. He was head of the Howard Machine Works, Philadelphia. He succeeded in 1840 to the business established by his father, William H. Howard, also a noted inventor, and the works were then located at various places. Mr. Howard's chief inventions were of engraving and printing devices, but much of his work was for use in textile mills, and a notable appliance was the perforating machine for separating postage stamps. He was selected in 1841 to build the trimming and separating machinery for cutting the United States Treasury notes. The forty women employed in the office endeavored to frustrate his success by placing hoop skirt wire and other substances in the machine. From this beginning the present Bureau of Engraving and Printing has grown.

Mr. Howard is survived by four sons: John M. and Edward T. of Wallingford; George C. and Rowland H. of Lansdowne, and three daughters: Mrs. Edward Blanton of Philadelphia; Mrs. Weber of South Africa, and Miss Howard of Lansdowne. He was a brother of Prof. Daniel Howard who is connected with the Boys' High school of Philadelphia, and Miss Eliza Howard who for a number of years resided in Media, but is spending the winter in Philadelphia.

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