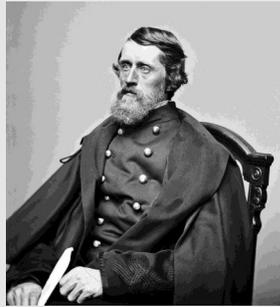


BRIGGS AVENUE



1. George Nixon Briggs (above left) served two terms as Governor of Massachusetts, an office he held until 1851. This street, though, is likely named after his son, Henry Shaw Briggs who followed his father into politics, but then enlisted in the army at the start of the Civil War. Shot in both legs at the Battle of Fair Oaks, Briggs (above right) recovered, re-enlisted and was later promoted to Brigadier General. When the war ended, he returned to Pittsfield and served as a judge. He died in 1887 right before the avenue named after him was laid out.

FENN STREET



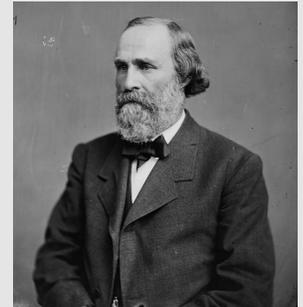
3. Curtis Fenn, and his wife Parthenia, owned a house on the corner of the street that bears his name. Or is it her name? It was probably named for Curtis who owned a cotton mill on the east branch of the Housatonic. But, given Parthenia's civic accomplishments, perhaps she is just as deserving. After all, she organized and ran the Soldiers Aid Society during the Civil War and was a tireless advocate to build a monument to the soldiers who lost their lives in that war.

MELVILLE STREET

4. The author, Herman Melville, has no street named after him in Pittsfield, even though he wrote *Moby Dick* while he was living here for 13 years. The Melville Street in downtown Pittsfield is named after his uncle, Thomas (right), who came to Pittsfield during the War of 1812 to run a prisoner of war camp not far from Melville Street. Thomas owned a farm (now the Pittsfield Country Club) and invited Herman to visit as a young man. When the farm was sold, Herman, then an author, decided to purchase the neighboring property where he finished *Moby Dick*.



DAWES AVENUE



2. Henry Lauren Dawes and his daughter Anna played prominent, but controversial roles on the national stage in the 1800s. As a Senator from Massachusetts, Henry sponsored the Dawes Act in 1887 whose effect was to break up Indian nations into smaller, individual land allotments for families. The effect was to deprive Indian nations of millions of acres of their lands that had been guaranteed by treaty. His daughter, Anna, was active in the opposition to giving women the right to vote.

COLT ROAD

5. The Colt family has three roads and a neighborhood bearing their names. James D. Colt was one of the earliest settlers who bought a thousand acres for his residence in southwest Pittsfield. Two sons, John and Sam ran a successful dry goods store for many years on Park Square. One grandson, Thomas, founded a paper mill on the border with Dalton, and the small village there was named Coltsville. Another, Henry, ran two woolen mills. Most likely, Colt Street is named after Henry (above.) He lived in the neighborhood where he named Henry Avenue and Elizabeth Street after his wife and son.

