Daniel Waldo Lincoln, 1813-1880
WCHS President 1857-1860
Artist: Edwin T. Billings

- Born in Worcester to a prominent political and horticultural family; his father was Levi Lincoln II, his mother Penelope (Sever) Winslow; he had 7 siblings
- He married Frances Fiske Merrick and they had 4 children
- Among his many pursuits, he practiced law, was a Representative in the Massachusetts General Court, Mayor of Worcester, and President of the Boston & Albany Railroad
- He became the fifth president of the WCHS and was one of the greatest horticulturists of his day
- The quantity and quality of fruit and flowers he offered at WCHS Exhibitions was legendary; in 1857 he brought 105 varieties of pears and throughout the 1850's had an ongoing competition with John Milton Earle
- He managed an extensive nursery with a large heated greenhouse in which he grew plants like the Victoria Regia Lily. His "Field and Garden Notes" record daily weather and garden events from 1853 – 1879. June 15, 1857 – “Last 10 days weather cool, woolen clothing comfortable, vegetation slow, squashes just up”
- He died from an unfortunate accident while attending a rowing regatta in New London, CT. He was thrown from atop an open platform train car when it lurched forward

"Hearing of that gorgeous novelty from the Amazon -- the Victoria Regia, -- he visited Philadelphia and, obtaining a young plant, with some seeds also, was fortunate in developing it to its ultimate perfection."

Edward W. Lincoln, WCHS Transactions, 1880