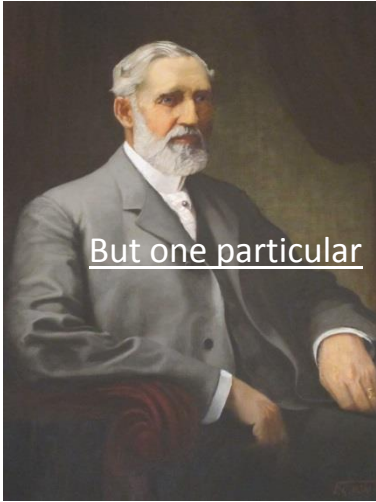


GALEN MOSES AND THE CREATION OF PATTEN FREE LIBRARY



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Mr. Galen C. Moses, in a few remarks explained to the Association the purpose of the meeting, giving his views and intentions as to a Free Public Library, and presented to the Association for their consideration and acceptance the following Gift Deed and Bond

Bath philanthropist had a different dream for the Patten Library Association. In 1887, Galen Moses publicly announced his offer of \$10,000 for a new building for the Library, made on the condition

that the private subscription association become a public library, free to all residents of Bath. It was a generous offer that could not be ignored.

**TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR
A PUBLIC LIBRARY
OFFERED BY G. C. MOSES.**

One thing our city needs is a good public library, free to every man, woman or child in the city, with a public reading room, which should offer its attractions to the young and old; offering one more place to draw them away from wasting their time and substance in ways I need not now speak of in detail. Such a library in some respectable location would be of inestimable benefit to our city. If a location could be had on the park grounds on Washington street, on the southwest corner, it would be accessible to a large share of our people and far more creditable than its use as a dump ground has been. If such a project could be wisely set on foot in unison with the Patten Library and our city would assume the expense of its care, I would be willing in the year 1888, or in season to build that year, to give for such a building the sum of \$10,000.

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