**Forewaord to Fern Fergusons Book Three**

 Fern Ferguson was the preeminent local historian of the Towns of Worcester and Decatur. When he died in 1977, he bequeathed seventeen loose-leaf volumes of stories, articles, photographs and family histories to the safekeeping of the Worcester Historical Society. This monumental lifework, gathered mainly during retirement years at his *Fernwood* home on the southeast corner of Alvord and Brooker Hollow Roads in East Worcester, remains the most comprehensive and colorful account of the heritage of those two towns.

 The Historical Society accepted the responsibility of making this invaluable information available to posterity, in part because of its obvious importance to the community and in part because it is otherwise inaccessible and irreplaceable. The near loss of the volumes during the Worcester Great Fire of 1994 lent impetus to the effort.

 This Book Three follows previous publications in 2003 and 2005 and contains the fourth of Ferguson's seventeen volumes. The Society's officers and trustees extend their appreciation once again to Marilyn E. Dufresne, the Worcester Town Historian and long-serving Society Vice-President and Trustee, for her tireless efforts to assemble, edit and publish this series of books on their behalf. They hope and believe that the books will be an enduring legacy to the community.

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