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Robert B. Daniels, a leading and public-spirited citizen of Modena, Chester County, traces his descent from **Archibald McDaniels**, who was a native of the north of Ireland, and of Scotch-Irish extraction. He emigrated to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania, making his home in Chester County. He purchased in East Fallowfield Township forty acres of land which he developed into a farm, now in the possession of **Mr. Frank Rubicon**. On this farm **Mr. McDaniels** spent the remainder of his life. He married **Ann Anderson**, and their children were: **Joseph**, who married, first, **Fannie Albright** and second, **Margaret Bailey**; **Robert**, mentioned at length hereinafter; **James**, who died at the age of twenty-one years; **Samuel**, who married and died in West Chester; **John**, who married **Jane Lilley**, was the father of four children, and died in Perry County; **Mary J.**, who died unmarried.

Robert McDaniels, father of **Robert B. Daniels**, second child and second son of **Archibald** and **Ann (Anderson) McDaniels**, was born on the homestead, and trained in his youth to the labors of the farm. On reaching manhood he settled in East Fallowfield Township, where he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. He married **Catherine**, daughter of **Samuel Lilley**, and widow of **Daniel Elliott**. The following children were born to **Mr. and Mrs. McDaniels**: **John**, who died at twelve years, of age; **Robert B.**, mentioned at length hereinafter; **Cynthia**, who became the wife of **James Kerns**, whose children are: **Annie C.**, **Mary B.**, **Nettie**, and **Martha**. **Robert McDaniels, Sr.**, a man respected and esteemed by all who knew him, died in 1842.

Robert B. Daniels, second child and second son of **Robert** and **Catherine Lilley (Elliott) McDaniels**, was born October 20, 1840, in East Fallowfield Township, and was reared upon the home farm. His early education was obtained in the public schools, and was supplemented by attendance at the State Normal School at Millersville. At the age of nineteen he became a teacher, and passed some time as preceptor in several of the district schools in different townships of Chester County. He also taught for three years in the public schools of Coatesville. In 1869-70 he settled at Modena, where he engaged in mercantile business, being for nearly thirty years the proprietor of an extensive general store. His success was such that, in 1898, he found himself in circumstances which justified him in retiring from active business life.

In the sphere of public affairs **Mr. Daniels'** career has been active and honorable. March 24, 1873, he was appointed postmaster at Modena, which office he held for a period of twenty-four years. The townsmen have shown their appreciation of his character and abilities by electing him to the offices of school board treasurer and auditor. Politically he is a Republican, and is recognized throughout the county as the leading spirit of the Independent wing of the party. In 1899 he was nominated on the Independent and Fusion tickets for the office of prothonotary for Chester County. **Mr. Daniels**, since 1868, has been prominently identified with the I. O. O. F. He is an active and consistent member of the Coatesville Methodist Episcopal Church. **Mr. Daniels** married, in 1868, **Martha J.**, daughter of **Martin C. Walker**, of East Fallowfield Township. **Mr. and Mrs. Daniels** are the parents of one daughter: **Mary E.**, who is the wife of **John A. Scott**, of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.