

## HERBERT SPENCER GILMAN

Engineer Manager of SanDimas Water Co., 1915 and years following. Prominent in Forestry Conservation. Member of State Board of Forestry and President of Angeles Forest Protective Association. Also member of American Society of Civil Engineers and honorary member of American Foresters.

He came to San Dimas in 1909 and bought a ten-acre orange grove, but was persuaded to take the position of manager of the water company. His knowledge as an engineer proved of great worth, not only to the company but to Southern California water problems as well. It was during his management that the San Dimas Canyon Dam and Puddingstone Dam were built.

Herbert Gilman was born September 17, 1883, in Rochester, Minnesota. Married Jeannette Cole of Pasadena (1884-1972). He was a graduate of the Engineering Dept. of the University of Minnesota.

He established the San Dimas Experimental Forest under Federal supervision and the Grove surrounding SanDimas Experimental Station at Tanbark Flats above Glendora was dedicated as "Gilman Grove" in his honor after his death in 1941.

There are four children -  
Anne Tillman of Victorville  
Herbert Jr., of Redding  
Jean Merry of Honolulu  
John of Grass Valley

## OLIVER SCOTT TILLMAN

He was born April 12, 1879, in Corsicana, Texas. His boyhood home was in Gatesville, then he lived in Waco.

In 1902 he married Ethel Beatrice Fortenberry of Hazelhurst, Miss. (1881-1923) They had two sons, Daniel Yankborough (1906-1917) and John Oliver (1909-1975).

Oliver married Marguerite Riner Minor of Illinois in 1927. (She later married Lloyd K. Ellsberry, then died in 1985.)

Oliver Tillman was identified with Bradstreet Mercantile Agency for years, serving as manager in Waco, New Orleans, and Los Angeles. He came to San Dimas in 1909 and took a position with the Water Co. as bookkeeper. In 1911, he joined with Frank H. Harwood and Harry Walker in organizing the "San Dimas Real Estate Co.", which actually did a land-office business then. In 1922 he gave up the real estate business to give time to his citrus groves and other business in Los Angeles and Kern Counties. He again in 1929 opened "Citrus Real Estate Office" with W. J. Shields as partner.

He was prominent in all matters of civic enterprise in San Dimas, and had a large hand in pushing the town forward. Oliver died in 1929 in San Dimas.