

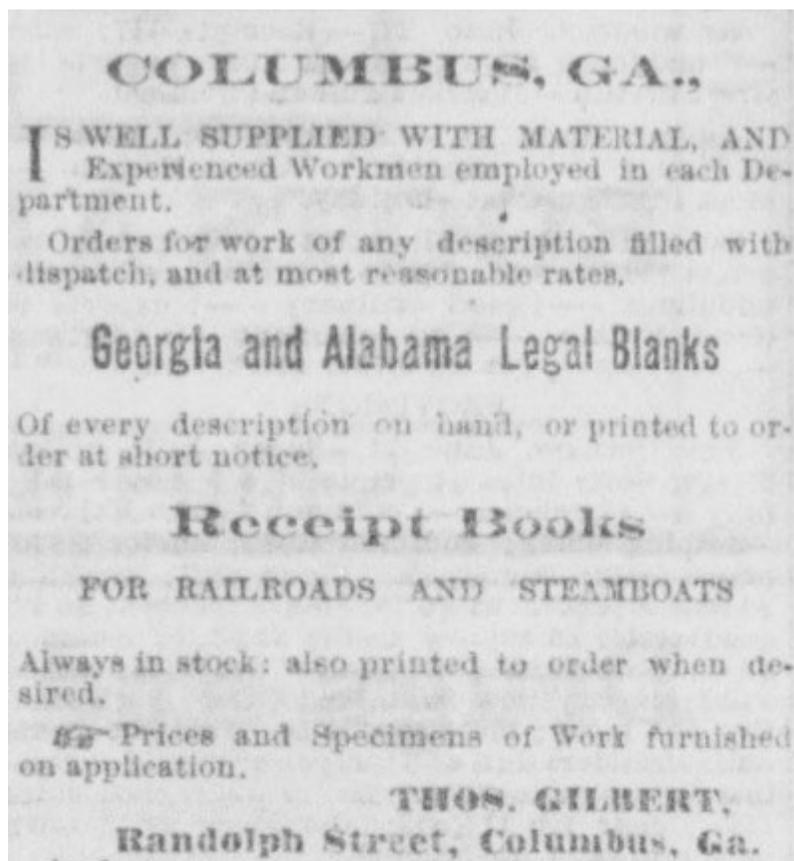
Today in Columbus History: On June 18, 1875, an ad for Gilbert Printing Co. appeared in the Daily Times. Thomas Gilbert (1833 - 1905) was a well known printer in late 19th century Columbus. As the story goes, he was an English orphan who was taken in by one Thomas DeWolf, a newspaper publisher who came to Columbus around 1854. Gilbert was his apprentice and eventually went into business with him. In the early 1870s De Wolf retired and Gilbert struck out on his own. Gilbert published an 1871 map of Columbus (in the CSU Archives) and Martin's history of Columbus (1874). He was also publisher of the Daily Sun. Many individuals and businesses used him for printing their calling cards.

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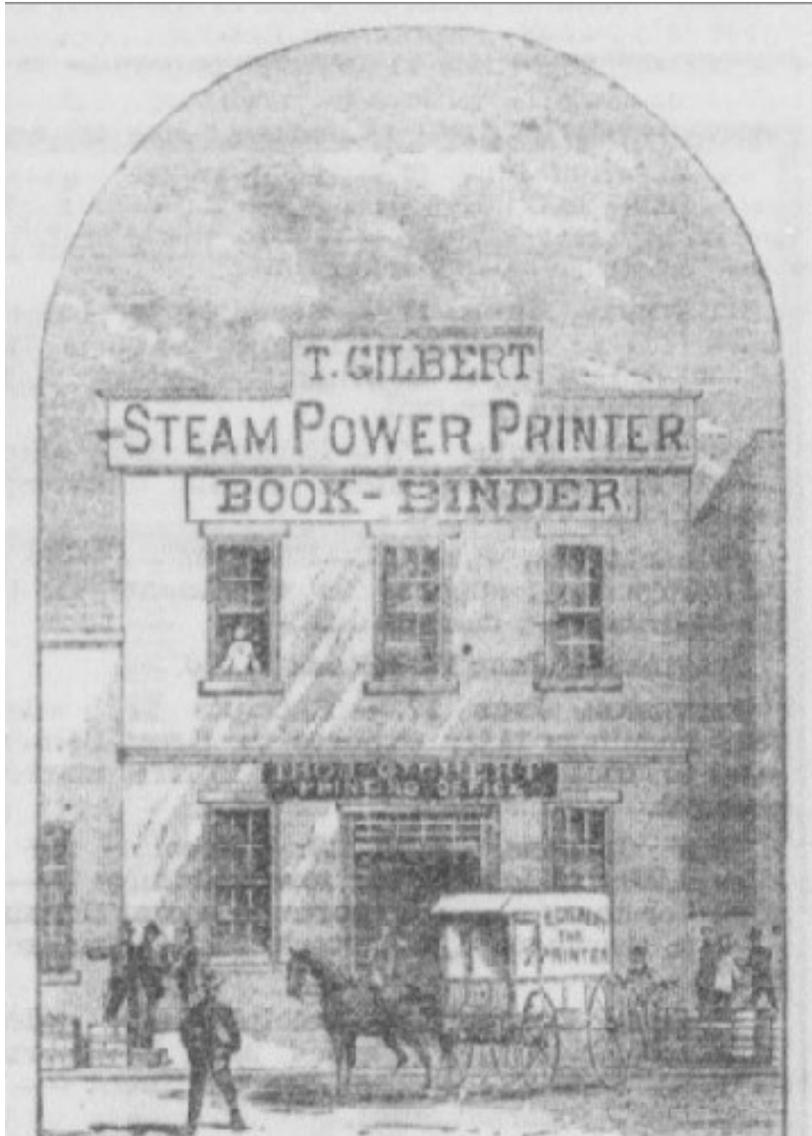


Illustration from *Daily Times* ad, 1875.

THOMAS GILBERT PASSES AWAY

Prominent Citizen of Co- lumbus Dies of Heart Failure.

COLUMBUS, GA., May 24.—(Special).—Thomas Gilbert, aged 72 years, one of Columbus' most prominent citizens, died of heart failure early this morning. He had been indisposed for several weeks, the result of grip.

For a good many years, and until its consolidation with The Columbus Enquirer some thirty years ago, Mr. Gilbert was publisher of The Columbus Daily Sun. The paper was so ardently southern in its editorials, that when General Wilson's army captured Columbus in 1865, the Yankee general had the office of the newspaper destroyed.

Mr. Gilbert's result is immediately, however. He had one of the largest job offices and book binderies in the south, and at the time of his death was erecting a large new plant. Mr. Gilbert published "Martin's History of Columbus," which was written by the late John H. Martin. In his youth he was a printer, and he was always a great friend to the types. He was an honorary member of the Columbus Typographical union, the members of which passed appropriate resolutions at a meeting this afternoon.

Mr. Gilbert is survived by his wife and three children—James J. and Thomas Gilbert, Jr., and Miss Fannie Gilbert. The funeral will occur at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning from his residence.

