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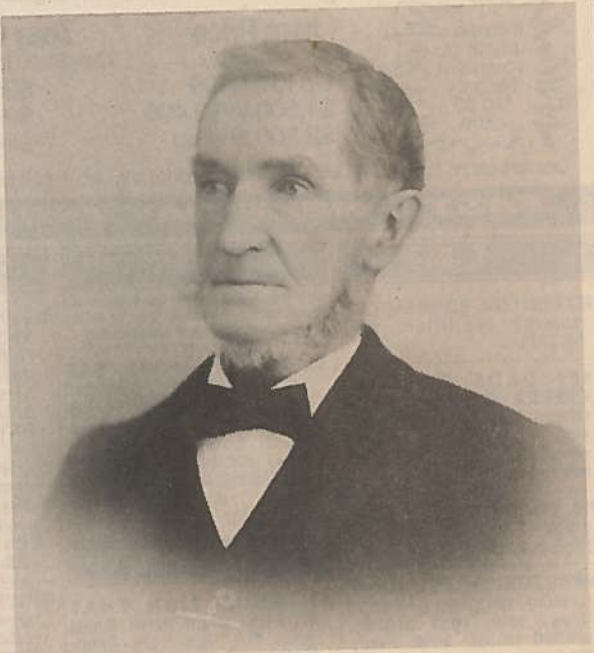
George Bullard was born in the Town of Gaines April 26, 1828. He was the oldest of six children of David and Eliza Merwin Bullard, early pioneer settlers of this county. George grew up on his family farm and received his early education in the district school. His higher education was taken at both the Gaines and Albion Academies. After completing his preliminary education, he began teaching school, first in Virginia and later in the hamlet of Gaines.

Following his teaching experience he took up the study of law with Sanford E. Church and Noah Davis, both leading attorneys in the county at the time. He was admitted to the bar in 1857 and immediately commenced the practice of law in the village of Albion. In due time, he became a very successful lawyer with his practice and reputation extending beyond the confines of Orleans County.

In 1859 he married Janette, daughter of Amos and Charlotte Clift of Gaines. They had one son, Daniel. Mr. Bullard was considered " ... a great reader, a thinker and he was probably one of the best informed men of his time on all literary topics." He was kind hearted and true to his convictions. He was conservative in his own affairs and always loyal to his friends and associates.

In politics, Mr. Bullard was a staunch Republican, never failing to work for his party. In early life he served as Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. In 1894 he was elected to one term in the New York State Assembly representing Orleans County in 1895.

Mr. Bullard was known as a good public speaker and an interesting writer who contributed articles to the weekly newspapers. He was a charter member of the Albion Bar Association, a member of the Orleans County Bar Association and active in the Orleans County Pioneer Association. He was a member of the Albion First Baptist Church.



Along with his practice of law, George Bullard also took an interest in farming and owned several parcels of land. The one which stands out is Bullard Park in the village of Albion, so named for George Bullard who once owned this property, first known as Rock Springs Glen Park. The Orleans County Bar Association noted that he was "Honest in the extreme, ethical in all his relations and of kindly disposition. His death is a severe loss to the profession."

When a man's pursuit gradually makes his face shine and grow handsome be sure it is a worthy one.

—William James