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SULLIVAN E. HOWARD (1842-1910)

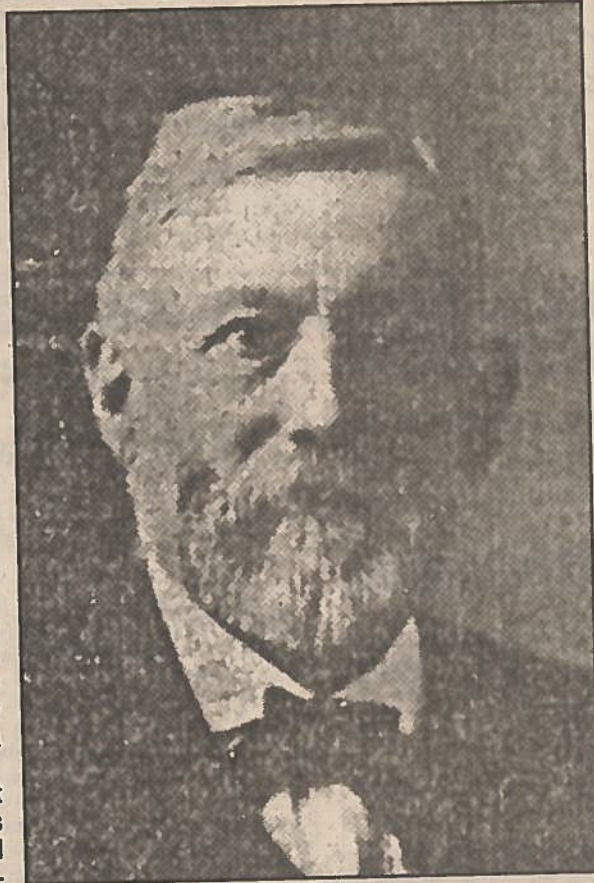
Sullivan E. Howard was born in the Town of Clarendon April 8, 1842 to Edson and Abigail Ely Howard. He received his education in the common schools. As a young man he and his oldest brother Webster E. Howard were engaged in the nursery business for several years in Clarendon when he moved to Holley.

In 1883 Mr. Howard was elected sheriff of Orleans County serving for the years 1884-1886. At the time of his death he was serving as supervisor for the Town of Murray. In politics he was a Republican and had been very active in supporting his party and the candidates of its choice.

In 1890 he had bought a farm near Hindsburg where he and his family remained for the rest of his life. He was recognized as one of the progressive farmers of the county, being especially interested in the development of its great fruit and other agricultural resources. Mr. Howard served as president of the Orleans County Agricultural Society for many years and was very successful in making it one of the best agricultural societies in the state. For around ten years he had been a director in the Orleans County Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Mr. Howard was also widely known in Masonic circles and identified as a Universalist.

His obituary notes he was "...one of the most prominent and best known citizens of Orleans County...and was one of the active workers in all things that promote the general welfare of the people and in the development of the resources of the county, that have made Orleans County famous in the state for...its agricultural and fruit producing capabilities."

Upon his death he left his wife Phina R. Cole whom he married in 1866 and two children William



Cole Howard and Mrs. Bessie Chadwick.

Serene, I fold my hands and wait.
Nor care for wind nor tide nor sea,
I rave no more 'gainst time or fate,
For lo my own shall come to me

--John Burroughs