

[Bulger, Robert Simon]

R. Simon Bulger Dies, Aged 87

Active in County Politics—

Supervisor for 21 Years—

Member of Fraternal Organizations

Robert Simon Bulger, aged 87, died at his home, 162 Main Street, at 2:45 this Thursday morning, after being confined to his home for the past three weeks.

Mr. Bulger was born in the Town of Stark, Herkimer County, on March 13, 1853, the eldest son of John and Elizabeth Pickard Bulger. He was the last surviving member of that family. Mr. Bulger had lived nearly all of his life in the Town of Minden. He had a Revolutionary ancestry, both of his great great grandfathers, Melchert Baudet and Isaac Pickert (as the name was then spelled) participated in the battle of Oriskany, and John Pickert, the father of Isaac, was a quartermaster general of the American forces in the war of the Revolution.

Mr. Bulger had a kindly disposition, a good word for everyone, and easily made and kept friends. He was greatly interested in public affairs, a reader and scholar, and happily retained his mental faculties until the end.

Mr. Bulger was educated in the common schools and later attended the Fort Plain Seminary. He began teaching at the age of 19 and taught for 25 years.

In politics Mr. Bulger was a life-long Democrat. He was born in a Democratic administration of Democratic parentage and first entered politics in 1886 when he was elected a Justice of the Peace. Altogether he served as Justice for 8 years. He also served the Town of Minden as Supervisor for 21 years. A test of his great popularity is shown by the fact that he was elected every time on the Democratic ticket in a town overwhelmingly Republican. He also served (2?) years as Village Clerk of Fort Plain.

In his younger years, Mr. Bulger also was engaged in farming. In 1912 he purchased a home on Main Street, Fort Plain, and moved here where he has since resided. Mr. Bulger was active in fraternal organizations. He joined the Mohawk Valley Lodge, Knights of Pythias in June, 1878, and so had been a member for 62 years. He was Past Chancellor Commander (?) lodge, a Past District Deputy (?) in 1906-1907, and for the last 20 years held the office of Master of Exchequer, and seldom missed a meeting. He was made a Mason in Fort Plain Lodge, F. and A. M., (?) 1889, and thus was a Mason for (?) years. He was also a member of the Fort Plain Rod and Gun Club and its secretary for (many years?). Mr. Bulger attended (?) sessions of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Bulger was also a member of the Fort Plain Universalist Church.

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He is survived by three sons, Earle (?) of Fort Plain; John R., of Buffalo and Prof. Glen W. Bulger, of East Orange, N. J.; two daughters, Mrs. Clinton J. King and Mrs. John DeWitt Nellis, both of Fort Plain; two grandsons and four granddaughters.

The funeral will be held on Sunday at 2 o'clock at the Universalist Church, Rev. William A. Haney, pastor, officiating. Burial will be made in the Fort Plain Cemetery.

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