

# CHARLES E. BULLARD LEGAL PAPERS

## OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

<b>Repository:</b>	Crandall Public Library. Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs, Glens Falls, NY.
<b>Creator:</b>	Various persons
<b>Title:</b>	Charles E. Bullard Legal Papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1891-1894
<b>Abstract:</b>	The papers are part of a protracted suit, which came and went in the courts from early 1891 to 1894 or later, but which seems to have started in 1889.
<b>Quantity:</b>	5 folders
<b>Identification:</b>	Archives & Manuscripts: Personal and Family Collections

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Charles E. Bullard and Charles O. Howe had a furniture and undertaking business (Bullard & Howe) on Glen Street in Glens Falls.

**Charles Bullard (1852-1934)** was prominent in business, political, educational, fraternal and church circles in Glens Falls. He was the clerk of the canal when Edward Reed was the Superintendent of Section II of the Champlain Canal. He was active in the leadership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving on the official board for over 50 years, as well as in numerous other capacities. He was past district deputy of the Saratoga-Warren district, and held offices in half a dozen Masonic organizations. One of the organizers of the Chatiemac club (a sportsman's and fishermen's club for the business elite of Glens Falls), he was secretary and treasurer of the club from 1897 to 1924. He had a number of business interests in addition to the undertaking business, which became Bullard, Regan & Stafford in 1922 and continues to this day as Regan & Denny Funeral Svcs. Mr. Bullard was married to Mary Thomson, a sister of Dr. Lemon Thomson, prominent Glens Falls physician. After her death in 1919 he was married to Evelyn R. Simpson, who survived him.

**Charles O. Howe** was born in Fishkill, NY. In September of 1884 he married Elizabeth M Ruggle, in Glens Falls. Elizabeth, a daughter of George and Martha Mahala Sherman Ruggle [see "Martha Mahala Ruggle Estate Book" in Folklife Archives] was a descendant of two prominent Glens Falls families, the Shermans and the

Rugges. By 1890 Howe was Bullard's partner in the furniture and undertaking business, a position he held until his death in 1905 of nervous prostration. In 1900 he lived at 12 Berry Street, next door to the family of Samuel Kendrick [see "Ethel Kendrick Walker Collection in Folklife Archvies]. His widow later lived at 24 Washington Street with her widowed sister Annie Haviland.

Charles Bullard and Charles Howe were related by marriage: Bullard's wife's brother (Dr. Lemon Thompson) was married to Howe's wife's sister (Lula Ruge).

**E.G. and E.F. Bullard**, attorneys, were brothers, the sons of attorney Edward Fitch Bullard of Saratoga. E.G. relocated from Glens Falls to New York City ca. 1893, and E.F. from Saratoga to Troy by 1900. They are not known to be related to Charles E. Bullard, although they may be.

**James H. Kenyon** is in the Saratoga City Directories in 1889-90 as proprietor of Pleasant House at 31 Federal Way in Saratoga. In 1891-94 he is at a different address each year. **Ellen M. Kenyon** is mentioned in Cornelius Durkee's Reminiscences of Saratoga p. 120 as being a dealer in antiques (1927-28).

**John C. Harris** (1838- is listed in the Saratoga City Directories as a farmer, on Greenfield Avenue (1889-1894). 1870 he lived in Quaker Springs, Town of Northumberland, farmer, with **Mary C.**, 55. Between them they have \$18,600 in real property and \$9,700 in personal property.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

All the papers are part of the same protracted suit, which came and went in the courts from early 1891 to 1894 or later, but which seems to have started in 1889.

At issue is \$157.37 worth of furniture which James H. and Ellen M. Kenyon, proprietors of a boarding house in Saratoga Springs, had bought from Bullard and Howe in Glens Falls, perhaps in 1889.

In February of 1891 Bullard and Howe commenced a suit against the Kenyons to recover the unpaid amount of \$157.37, or recover the furniture. The furniture was in the Kenyons' house, but they claimed to have mortgaged it to someone else. The Kenyons moved out of their house on or about May 1, 1891 and the furniture was subsequently seized in payment of the mortgage and auctioned off. The attorney's for Bullard and Howe argued that the mortgage was either fraudulent or did not pre-date the initiation of the suit against the Kenyons. Mary C. Harris, the buyer at auction of the furniture, was added to the suit as a co-defendant with the Kenyons (her son, John C. Harris, was the person who auctioned off the furniture).

The last papers herein are dated September of 1894 although the case was scheduled for settlement in January of that year. It is unknown what the settlement eventually was. The suit was originally filed in Warren County, moved to Saratoga County on a motion of the defendants, and involved court dates in Albany and Amsterdam, NY.

## INDEX TERMS

**Topics:** Legal cases

**Places:** Warren County (NY)  
Saratoga Springs, Saratoga (NY)  
Ballston Spa, Saratoga County (NY)

**Important People:** Plaintiffs:

Bullard, Charles E. (1852-1934)

Howe, Charles O. (1852-1905)

Defendants:

Kenyon, James H.

Kenyon, Ellen M. (\_\_\_\_-after 1928)

Harris, Mary C. (

Attorneys for the Plaintiffs:

Learned, William L.

Bullard, Emmanuel G. (1861- aft 1911)

Bullard Edward F. (1863 – aft 1930)

Varney, L.

Attorneys for the Defendants:

McCall, William H. (Henning & McCall, Saratoga NY)

Henning, John L. (?1855-1907?) “ “

Benedict, J.H.

Sheriffs:

Deyoe, Daniel H.

Worden, W.W.

Attorneys for Deyoe and Worden:

Lester, C.I. and C.C.

Supreme Court Justices, Associate Justices:

Mayham, S.L.

Putnam, John R.

Herrick, D. Cady

Stover, Mr. Justice

Witnesses;

Gilbert, Daniel S. – Dep. Sheriff, maker of inventory

Cummings, Michael S. – town clerk, Saratoga

**Form/Genre:** Legal papers

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS**

**Folder # 1:** Lawyers Notices (5)

**Folder # 2:** Documents 1891 (5)

**Folder # 3:** Documents 1892 (2)

**Folder # 4:** Documents 1893 (2)

**Folder # 5:** Documents 1894 (5)

Note: The New York State Archives hold 8.5 cubic feet of records on Charles E. Bullard, his life and business: Local System # (NIC)NYWA331-280-0003, Title: Charles E. Bullard, 1852-1934 papers 1855-1937.