



John S. Bullard

John S. Bullard was born in Medina County Ohio in 1823 and died of a cold on January 23, 1914.  
He was nearly 91 years old.

He was second oldest of the 7 children of Curtiss Bullard [Born in Litchfield N.Y. 1797], who was former mayor of Chagrin Falls, a spinning wheel manufacturer, and married to his wife Sara Easton from Lee, Massachusetts.

As a young man John S. Bullard came to Chagrin Falls with his family. There he worked in his father's workshop until he was 24 years old when he obtained a patent on a butter mold.

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Bullard Butter Molds

The butter molds would give him good income for a number of years. His factory would survive floods that often brought havoc to the surrounding Chagrin Falls area [according to the local news paper The Exponent 1883]. The molds were sold across the country including places such as Salt Lake City, Utah [Exponent 1876].

Bullard was one of the seven charter members and owners of the steam railroad. He was a stockholder in The Chagrin Falls Manufacturing Company. He was one of the last of the original founders of Chagrin Falls Banking Company.



Charter Members of the Steam Railroad. John Bullard is seated on the far left.

John S. Bullard would marry the charitable Lucy Chapman in 1853. They would have three children together whose life spans sadly came nowhere near their parents. Nelly was 15 months; Fred and Curtiss 8 years old when they died. Living in the same house as their children once did would come to haunt them. Yet this motivated Lucy Chapman's charity work. It was said that she knitted 100 mittens a year for children in need. She put a silver dollar in each as a special treat.

The couple was seen walking together to the post office in the morning all the way up to two weeks before his death. At his death John S. Bullard left Lucy Chapman a widow after 61 years of marriage.

His descendants included his nephew C.O. Rogers of Chagrin Falls and 5 nephews in Kansas City, 4 in California, and 1 in Illinois.

He was an important and active citizen of Chagrin Falls.