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Addison G. Rice was born at Richfield Springs, Otsego county, December 29, 1821, and removed with his parents to the town of Otto, now East Otto, in May, 1826, and from that time until the fall of 1867 was a resident of this county. He attended the district school and then a few terms at Springville Academy, and was also taught at home by his father, who was then regarded as among the best educated men in the county. In 1841 he commenced the study of his profession with William P. Angel at Ellicottville and was admitted to the Court of Common Pleas in June, 1843, and to the Supreme Court in October, 1846. He commenced the practice of his profession at Ellicottville, where he continued to reside until he left the county. He represented the town of Ellicottville on the Board of Supervisors six years, from 1856 to 1859 inclusive and also in 1861 and again in 1867, and was chairman of the board three years, from 1857 to 1859 inclusive. He was a delegate to the first Republican national convention in 1856 and was a member of the Assembly in 1862, in which he served as chairman of the Committee on Claims and a member of the Ways and Means, and of the Committee on the Revision of Rules and Joint Rules of the two houses. After leaving this county Mr. Rice practiced law a few years in the city of New York and subsequently located in Buffalo, where he had an extensive practice, and was at the time of his death a partner of Loran L. Lewis, now a justice of the Supreme Court. He was recognized as one of the foremost men at the Buffalo bar. While in this county he became one of the leaders in the profession, often employed by other attorneys as the leading counsel in the trial of important cases. Soon after he was admitted to the bar he was married to Ellen R. McCoy. "Mr. Rice was a man of varied learning, of comprehensive views, of great force of character, of sound judgment, of strict integrity, resolute and determined, and unyielding in the cause of right as he understood it."