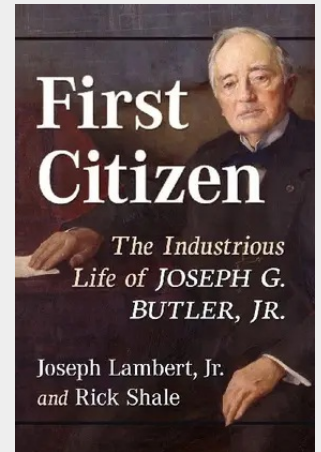


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The Industrious Life of Joseph G. Butler, Jr.

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