

Civil War Veterans buried in the Mt Calvary Cemetery, Burlington, VT

Nathaniel Amory Tucker

John Richard Fisher - Jan 2014



Brevet Lt. Colonel Nathaniel Amory Tucker
March 1853



Born: 13 Aug 1814 at Milton, MA

Enlisted: 13 Jun 1864 as a Major

Commissioned: Officer in the U. S. Volunteers Paymaster Department Infantry Regiment on 13 Jun 1864. He served in Norfolk, VA and in the Carolina's.

Promoted to Brevet Lt. Colonel on 7 Feb 1866

Mustered Out: 1 Feb 1869

Married: 7 Jul 1842 to Maria D. Deming at Burlington, VT

Died: 25 Feb 1873 at Burlington, VT age 58

1850 Census: Burlington, VT

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| 180 | 235 | N. A. Tucker | 35 M | Free | 6000 | Ireland | Mass |
| | | Maria D. Tucker | 33 F | | | | Vt. |
| | | Fanny F. Deming | 41 F | | 12000 | | Vt. |
| | | Michael Fay | 8 M | | | | Unknown |
| | | Ann Riley | 35 F | | | | Ireland |
| | | Mary Mulcaire | 25 F | | | | Ireland |
| 181 | 236 | E. H. C. Clarke | 39 M | Lawyer & Editor of Free Press | 4000 | | Vt. |
| | | Caroline Clarke | 34 F | | | | N. Y. |
| | | Nesja Carren | 16 F | | | | Conn. |
| | | Ann Fay | 12 F | | | | Conn. |
| 182 | 237 | W. A. Tucker | 3 M | | | | |

Feedback

| | | Name | Age | Sex | Profession | Value of Property | Married | Place of Birth |
|-----|-----|-------------------|-----|-----|-------------|-------------------|---------|----------------|
| | | Julia Hoyt | 10 | F | | | | Vermont |
| | | John " | 9 | M | | | | " " |
| | | George " | 7 | M | | | | " " |
| | | Frederick " | 5 | M | | | | " " |
| | | Edward " | 5 | M | | | | " " |
| | | Helen Maria | 11 | F | | | | " " |
| | | Catherine Gilmory | 17 | F | ' Current | | | Ireland |
| | | Catharine Cronin | 20 | F | " " | | | " " |
| 986 | 986 | Francis Deming | 72 | M | | | | Vermont |
| | | N. A. Tucker | 45 | M | | | | " " |
| | | Maria " | 43 | F | | | | " " |
| | | Charles Griswold | 16 | M | ' Clerk | | | " " |
| | | Mary Keenan | 22 | F | ' Servant | | | Ireland |
| | | Margaret Jones | 18 | F | " " | | | " " |
| 987 | 987 | Harriet Loomis | 85 | M | ' Gentleman | 15,000 | 25,000 | Mass |
| | | Mary " | 76 | F | | | | Vermont |
| | | Mary Bradley | 59 | F | ' Domestic | | | N York |

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| | | — Josefa | 44 | F | w | " | | | | |
| 435 | 443 | Tucker Nat | 56 | m | w | Rid merchant | 25ann | | Mrs. | |
| | | — Maria | 53 | F | w | Kpg House | | 20ann | Wt. | |
| 436 | 444 | Green Anna | 65 | F | w | " | 10 ann | 2 ann | Mrs. | |



The Tucker Residence at 308 Pearl Street, Burlington, VT

TUCKER

NATHANIEL³ (*s. of Nathaniel*⁴ and Anna [Dalton], Samuel,³ Manasseh,² Robert,¹ who emigrated to America, 1635, supposed from Weymouth, Eng.), b. Boston, Mass., Aug. 21, 1775; a merchant in N. Y. city; came to B. F. about 1815, and upon the death of his wife's father came into possession of the first toll-bridge across the Connecticut; res. here the remainder of his life, over 40 yrs.; a man of strong personality, a strict church man, and a prominent figure in B. F. affairs; planned and erected the present "**Tucker bridge**" in 1840. (*See p. 269.*) During the early years of his residence here he lived in the "**Tucker Mansion**," at the east end of the toll-bridge (*see p. 273*); later res. in what is now known as the "Hetty Green house" on the west side of Church street.

He m. July 8, 1802, Catherine Hay, dau. of Frederick W. Geyer of Boston; he d. in B. F., Aug. 2, 1857, and was buried in a private family vault on Boston Common near the Public Garden.

Children:

- i. ANNA AMORY,⁶ b. Boston, May 14, 1803; m. Henry Atkinson Green. (*See Green.*)
- ii. CATHERINE GEYER, b. Mar. 11, 1805; m. James I. Cutler. (*See Cutler.*)
- iii. MARY BELCHER, b. Feb. 17, 1807; m. Jan. 7, 1829, Rodolph C. Geyer of Boston.
- iv. **NATHANIEL AMORY**, b. May 30, 1809; d. Mar., 1813.
- v. CHARLOTTE M., b. Feb. 5, 1812; m. George W. Sumner.
- vi. **NATHANIEL AMORY**, b. Milton, Mass., Aug. 14, 1814; was interested in paper making with James I. Cutler at Hubbells Falls near Burlington, Vt., after 1841; m. Maria, dau. of E. Hubbell and Fanny Deming of Burlington, d. Burlington, July 20, 1904; he d. Burlington, Feb. 25, 1873; no children.

Nathaniel's parents family
Source: History of Rockingham, VT



NATHANIEL TUCKER,
1775-1857.
MRS. CATHERINE HAY (GEYER) TUCKER,
HENRY ATKINSON GREEN,
1762-1863.

EDWARD HENRY GREEN,
1821-1902,
MRS. ANNA **AMORY** (TUCKER) GREEN,
1803-1873,
COL. ALEXANDER FRASER,
d. 1858.

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Nathaniel's Parents: Left side, top & middle
Source: History of Rockingham, VT

| DEATH—MALE | | | | | 9391 |
|--|---|------|------|------|--|
| Full Name of Deceased <i>Tucker, Nathan A.</i> | | | | | |
| Usual Residence | | | | | |
| If in Hospital or Institution, its Name | | | | | |
| Color | Age | Yrs. | Mos. | Days | Single Married Widowed Divorced |
| | | 38 | | | — |
| Occupation | <i>Bay master</i> | | | | |
| Birthplace | <i>Mass.</i> | | | | |
| Father's Name | <i>Nathan Tucker</i> | | | | |
| Father's Birthplace | | | | | |
| Mother's Maiden Name | <i>Catherine Peor</i> | | | | |
| Mother's Birthplace | | | | | |
| Date of Death | <i>1873</i> Month <i>Feb.</i> Day <i>25</i> | | | | |
| Disease Causing Death | <i>Paralysis</i> | | | | |
| Contributing Disease | | | | | |
| Medical Attendant | <i>W. L. Hodge</i> | | | | |
| Town | <i>Burlington</i> | | | | |
| | Town Clerk | | | | |

3499 [Eleazer Hubbell DEMING](#)-26578 ([Abigail HUBBELL](#) , [Anna NOBLE](#) , [Mary GAYLORD](#) , [Joanna MINER](#) , [John](#)) was born on 13 Feb 1785 in Wethersfield, Hartford, Connecticut. He died on 5 May 1828 in Burlington, Chittenden, N. Y..

Eleazer married (MRIN:10459) [Fanny Fay FOLLETT](#)-26579 on 18 Oct 1807 in Bennington, Bennington, Vermont. Fanny was born on 19 Jun 1788 in Bennington, Bennington, Vermont. She died on 14 Mar 1878 in Burlington, Chittenden, Vt..

They had the following children.

- 6922 M i [Charles Follett DEMING](#)-26580 was born on 25 Jul 1808 in Burlington, Chittenden, Vermont. He died on 14 Sep 1832.
- 6923 M ii [Julius DEMING](#)-26581 was born on 23 Feb 1810 in Burlington, Chittenden, Vermont. He died on 21 Nov 1811 in Burlington, Chittenden, Vermont.
- + 6924 F iii [Caroline DEMING](#)-26582 was born on 19 Nov 1811. She died on 25 May 1843.
- 6925 F iv [Juliet DEMING](#)-26583 was born on 20 Oct 1814 in Burlington, Chittenden, Vermont. She died on 16 Dec 1814 in Burlington, Chittenden, Vermont.
- 6926 F v [Maria DEMING](#)-26584 was born on 10 Mar 1817 in Burlington, Chittenden, Vermont. She died on 20 Jul 1904 in Burlington, Chittenden, Vermont, United States.
Maria married (MRIN:54303) [Nathaniel Amory TUCKER](#)-167178 about 1835 in Bellow Falls, Windham, Vermont. Nathaniel was born on 14 Aug 1814 in Bellows Falls, Windham, Vermont. He died in UNKNOWN.
- + 6927 F vi [Ann DEMING](#)-26585 was born on 21 Jul 1819. She died on 16 Jan 1875.
- 6928 F vii [Frances DEMING](#)-26586 was born on 21 Aug 1822 in Burlington, Chittenden, Vermont. She died on 10 Sep 1823 in Burlington, Chittenden, Vermont.
- 6929 F viii [Mary Elizabeth DEMING](#)-26587 was born on 21 Jul 1827 in Burlington, Chittenden, Vermont. She died on 21 Jun 1828 in Burlington, Chittenden, Vermont.

Maria Deming's family per an online source

CAPTAIN NATHANIEL AMORY TUCKER

Captain Nathaniel Amory Tucker was the second non-French Canadian member of the original Building Committee of the 1850 St. Joseph Church. Without his services, there might not have been a French Canadian parish until later.

In St. Joseph Cemetery there is a monument inscription: **“Nathaniel Amory Tucker, Brevet Lieut. Col. USA, born Milton, Mass., August 13, 1811. Died Burlington, Vt., Feb. 24, 1873, in communion of the Church and the strength of the Sacraments”**

Professor Jeremiah K. Durick, St. Michael's College, in a biography published in Our Sunday Visitor on 2 August 1953, stated that Captain Tucker is remembered as one of Fr. William Henry Hoyts converts. His title of Captain comes from the fact that he went to sea at the age of 15 and in twelve years progressed from seaman, through mate, captain and ship-master, but kept the title of Captain. Having given up the sea, he married Maria Deming of Burlington in 1842. They were ardent Episcopalians and Maria was the sister of Anne Deming, wife of Rev. William H. Hoyt, Rector of the Episcopal Church in St. Albans. When the Hoyts converted to Catholicism in 1846, they started what is referred to as the Vermont version of the Oxford Movement and about fifty persons are reported to have followed them into the Church, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Tucker. They were baptized by Fr. Mignault at Chambly on October 8, 1847.

That same year, Captain Tucker and four other men were granted a charter for a tug-boat company on Lake Champlain. The Tuckers lived at 308 Pearl Street in a mansion belonging to Mrs. Tucker's parents and built in 1816. Prof. Durick comments that the Tuckers do not seem to have suffered social ostracism as a result of their Catholicism. Nathaniel was genial and hospitable, a host and traveling companion to Bishop Fitzpatrick of Boston. Thus it was that, as a member of the St. Joseph Church Building Committee, he offered to intercede with Bishop Fitzpatrick, when the trouble arose over ownership of the land the Canadians were planning to use as the site of the 1850 church. He brought back the bishop's verbal permission to proceed with construction of the church, but the bishop refused to take sides regarding the ownership of the land.

On the evening of Bishop DeGoesbriand's installation in 1853, the Tuckers held a reception for the bishop. Captain Tucker arranged for Bishop DeGoesbriand the purchase of the house on Pearl Street, which later became the site of the Bishop DeGoesbriand Hospital.

In 1863, Captain Tucker was named Inspector of Ordnance for the Union Army at Reading, Pennsylvania. In 1864 President Lincoln appointed him paymaster for the Army, with the rank of Major until the end of the Civil War, and afterwards with the rank of Brevet Lieutenant Colonel, but he continued to use his title of Captain. Captain Tucker's ancestors emigrated to America from Weymouth, England in 1635. His parents arrived in Bellows Falls, Vermont, about 1815 to take charge of a toll bridge over the Connecticut River.

The Captain died in 1873 and his wife in 1904. Their lot in St. Joseph Cemetery is adjacent to the Hoyt family. Fr. Quevillon, one month after his arrival in Burlington as pastor of St. Joseph Parish, in writing to his bishop in Montreal on May 21, 1850, had this to say about Captain Tucker and General DeWitt Clinton Clarke: “It is no small thing to tell you that Mr. Tucker and Mr. Clare (sic), rich men in every sense, are the two pillars that will support this edifice, as much by their influence as by their purses, I hope.”

SOURCE: History of St Joseph Parish, Burlington, VT 1830-1987 – Edited by Robert G Keenan.

Obituary of Nathaniel A. Tucker
Burlington Free Press - Friday March 7, 1873

FUNERAL OF COL. TUCKER.—The funeral of Col. Nathaniel A. Tucker was attended by a large concourse of sympathizing citizens Friday a. m. After brief services at the residence of the deceased, conducted by Very Rev. Father Lynch, Vicar General of the Diocese, the remains were conveyed at 9.30 a. m., to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass was celebrated by Vicar General Lynch, assisted by Rev. Fathers Cloarec and Lane. An admirable and quite lengthy funeral discourse was preached by the Rt. Rev. Bishop De-Goesbriand. The floral decorations on the coffin of the deceased were magnificent and conceived in exquisite taste, and consisted of a cross, crown and anchor, with elaborate wreaths. The pall bearers were Gen. George J. Stannard, Judge Carolus Noyes, Hon. Levi Underwood, Mayor L. C. Dodge, Edward J. Phelps, Sidney Barlow, Edward C. Loomis and Alonzo W. Allen. The arrangements for the funeral were under the direction of John A. Arthur, Esq., and Col. Theo. S. Peck. There was a notable representation, among those in attendance upon the last rites of the departed soldier, of prominent ex-officers of the army residing in this section. The remains were buried in a beautiful lot in the sightly Catholic Cemetery, on Gough street.

Obituary.

Capt. N. A. Tucker, whose death occurred in this city on the 25th inst., was born in Milton, Mass., in 1814. He early showed a fondness for the sea, and when a lad of 15 or 16, obtained the consent of his parents to become a sailor. He began before the mast, was promoted to be a mate and then captain, and was for several years a ship-master, winning favorable opinion by his capacity and fidelity. The title of "Captain," thus gained, was thereafter his familiar title, being hardly superseded among his friends by his subsequent higher military rank. In 1842 he married Miss Maria Deming of Burlington, left the sea and thenceforward made Burlington his home. He was engaged for a time with his brother-in-law, Mr. Cutler, in paper making at Hubbell's Falls, and was subsequently for a time a partner in the mercantile house of Bradley, Canfield & Co., in "the stone store" on Water street. In the spring of 1863 he was appointed Inspector of Ordnance, in the army, and was stationed at Reading, Pa. He held this office, capably performing its duties, for a year and a half, when he received from President Lincoln an appointment as Paymaster in the army, with the rank of Major. His duties in this capacity were at Norfolk and with our forces in the Carolinas. At the close of the war, he received an appointment at Washington in the Bureau of preferred claims, of the War Department, which he held for several years, receiving a brevet as Lieut.-Col. for faithful services. In January, 1871, Major Tucker suffered a stroke of paralysis, from which he recovered, but which was followed by a severer one, several months later. From that time onward, he was an

invalid, confined most of the time to the house, his powers failing by successive strokes, till at last the vital powers were invaded. For two weeks before his death he lay motionless and speechless, yet perfectly conscious, indicating by his eyes and feeble motions of his lips, his recognition of his friends and of the attentions shown him. He bore his sufferings with unexampled patience, accepted the offices and consolations of religion, and passed away at last without a struggle. He was received into the Catholic church, at Chambly, P. Q., in October, 1867, by Rev. Father Mignault, and died in the faith and communion of that church.

Captain Tucker was a man of wide acquaintance with men and things, of quick and generous sympathies, and an interested and intelligent observer of public affairs. He was fond of society and gifted with uncommon powers of anecdote and conversation, which with his genial temper and kindly humor, made him a delightful companion. His integrity and frankness won him the respect of all who knew him, and few citizens of Burlington were ever more missed than he, when his patriotic duty and subsequent disease withdrew him from daily intercourse with our community. He will long be held in kindly remembrance; and his devoted wife, who for eight months has hardly left his side, and who was the tenderest of nurses through all his prolonged illness, will, with the other mourners, have the sincerest sympathy of our community.

Correction: Baptism was on 8 Oct 1847 at Chambly.

About the Photo

Inside the photo image case is written "N. A. Tucker, March 1853."

This ornately matted daguerreotype is of Nathaniel Amory Tucker, who was born in August 1814 in Milton, Massachusetts. This gentleman, businessman, handsome dandy, and ardent hunter was the son of Catherine Hoy Geyer, who married Nathaniel Tucker on July 8, 1802 in Boston.

The Connecticut River Valley in Southern Vermont and New Hampshire: Historical Sketches, Rutland, Vt.: Tuttle Co., Marble City Press, 1929, discusses Nathaniel's father and explains how the family got its wealth, as well as provides a story about Nat himself. "One of the most prominent citizens of Bellows Falls a century ago was a man named Nathaniel Tucker. In 1826, he came into possession of the old first toll bridge across the Connecticut River here, and in 1840, he planned and financed the erection of the present structure that has now served the public 88 years. Mr. Tucker was born in Boston in 1775, and became a resident in Bellows Falls in 1815.

The first bridge became unsafe, and, in 1840, Mr. Tucker consulted a noted local bridge builder, Sanford Granger, in regard to it. Together they planned and built the present structure. Mr. Granger had built a number of important bridges and buildings in the vicinity of Bellows Falls, prominent among them the local Methodist church and the brick block on Westminster Street, which has always been known as the "Granger Block." He owned the sawmill and waterpower at North Westminster, where the Gage basket factory is now being operated, and, at this mill, the lumber for the new bridge was produced. Toll was gathered for passing these two bridges from 1785, when the first bridge was built, until the towns of Rockingham and Westminster made the present bridge free on November 1, 1904, a period of nearly 120 years.

Previous to coming to Bellows Falls in 1815, Mr. Tucker had been in trade in New York City. During the first years of his residence here, he lived in a large and beautiful residence located at the east end of the bridge on a small eminence, which was removed by the building of the railroad. It was just south of where the present locomotive roundhouse of the Boston & Maine Railroad stands. Later, he owned and resided in the residence this side of the river, now known as the Hetty Green Place, sometimes called by the older residents the "Tucker House."

During most of the years of his ownership of the bridges, Mr. Tucker attended to the collection of the tolls himself, and one of the original boxes in which the tolls were kept is still in the family of Levi L. Wetherbee of Atkinson Street, who is one of the descendants. Mr. Tucker was a small wiry man, extremely nervous, and was often the victim of pranks by the boys who teased him. He had a son, Nathaniel, Jr., who was somewhat peculiar and erratic. He was a hunter of some note. At one time, he went hunting on horseback, and in riding through the woods, his gun was accidentally discharged and killed the horse. His father, when he returned home and was told of the accident, was greatly excited, and shaking his cane in the young man's face exclaimed, "Nat-Nat Tucker, the next time you go hunting on horseback, you go afoot," much to the amusement of several bystanders."

Young Tucker makes an appearance in the book "History of Vermont: natural, civil and statistical, in three parts" by Zadock Thompson. "The specimen of American Bittern described above was presented to me by my friend N. A. Tucker, esq. It was shot by him in his garden in Burlington Village, where it had alighted, on the 30th of April 1845."

In about 1835, Nathaniel Tucker married Maria D. Deming, born 1818 in Bellows Falls, Vermont. On the 1850 Burlington, Vermont, census, Nathaniel Tucker was 35 years old, with no profession, but with \$6,000 in real estate holdings. He lived with his wife Maria D. Tucker. Also living with them was 61-year-old Fanny Follet Deming, born in Vermont, Maria's mother, and 8-year-old Michael Faye--a cousin or nephew. In 1860, N. A., Maria, and Fanny Deming were still living in Burlington with several servants and a clerk.

Tucker served as a Union Army paymaster during the Civil War. On March 12, 1866, Tucker was appointed as a brevet Lt. Colonel by President Andrew Johnson. "Additional Paymaster Nathaniel A. Tucker, United States Volunteers, for faithful services in the Pay Department, to date from February 7, 1866."--Executive Journal

By 1870, the Tuckers were living alone in Bellows Falls, Vermont. He listed his profession as merchant and that he possessed real estate worth \$25,000 and his wife listed her own personal income as \$20,000.

At some point, Tucker became a Catholic convert, as is mentioned in The American Catholic quarterly review, Volume 18. The book "History of the archdiocese of Boston in the various stages of its development, 1604 to 1943" has this mention of Tucker: "Colonel Nathaniel Tucker...who became a great friend, and was subsequently host to or traveling companion of [John Bernard Fitzpatrick, third Bishop of Boston]."

Nathaniel died in Burlington, 25 February, 1873. He is buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Burlington.

By 1880, Maria Tucker was back in Burlington, living with her niece, Jane A. Hugh, and several servants, in the "Old Deming Homestead" on Pearl Street, which had been built by her father Ebenezer Deming. She lived on until the late 1890s, when Burlington city directories listed her as Maria Tucker, widow of Col. N. A. Tucker.

Letters of recommendation as Additional Paymaster

312 J. W. (Pay Dept.) 1864

Nathaniel A. Tucker,
of Vermont

Add. Paymaster
(see Enclosure)

Recommended by
Hon. S. Fort,
Nominated June 6, 1864

To be nominated
By order of the Sec^y of War,

A. J. A. H. A. H. A.
War Dept. Col. & Insp. Genl
June 6, '64.

Recd A. G. O. June 6, 1864
Received June 5, 1864.

Washington D. C.
June 4 - 1864.

Sir,
I recommend
the appointment of Capt.
Nathaniel A. Tucker
of Vermont, as additional
Paymaster of Volunteers, in
place of Geo. B. Gibbons
resigned.
I have the honor to be

S. Fort
Hon. S. M. Horton
Sec. of War