

[Tucker, Adoniram]

Adoniram Tucker was born in Cherry Valley, N. Y., and came to Madison county when only sixteen years old, having then only the clothes he wore and a few shillings in his pocket. He located in Hamilton and hired out to work on a farm at \$50 per year. He learned shoemaking and worked at the trade several years, previous to 1840, when he and Mr. Pool opened a shop in Hamilton village and continued in business many years. In 1873 he bought the Col. Herman Howe farm in Madison and lived there until the time of his death in 1894.

In many respects Adoniram Tucker was a noble man, one of his generous traits being his ever ready hand to help a poor and less unfortunate fellow being. He had little early education, but learned much by observation and association with men of education. As a result of economy and industry he gained a competency. In 1838 he married Mary L. Pool, but never had children. His wife died in 1860, and in 1867 he married Eliva B., daughter of Samuel and Almira Thompson, of Hamilton. No children were born of this marriage. In 1853, Mr. .Tucker adopted Elizabeth Hooker, who has since been a member of his family. He was a strong Abolitionist and later on a Republican of much influence. He was reared under Presbyterian influences, but an incident changed his views and he became a Universalist. He once said: "I always aimed to get something to ease me through life and now I am contented." So he died comfortable and contented.

John E. Smith, *Our Country and Its People; a Descriptive and Biographical Record of Madison county, N.Y.*

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