

Miss Tucker also took Summer courses at Harvard, Cornell and Amherst. She was named a teacher at the Normal School in 1888 and continued for 29 years when she was retired. Her entire life was devoted to educational endeavors. She taught in rural schools at the age of 15, and during the last five years at Normal School gave special courses in rural education.

As a clubwoman, Miss Tucker was widely known. She was a past president of the Worcester Woman's Club; one of the founders and for many years secretary of the Levana Club of Worcester; first president of the Auburn Woman's club, serving as its head for five years, and recently being made a life honorary member of that organization; past president of the Maj. Peter Harwood Chapter, D. A. R. of North Brookfield; associate member of Col. Timothy Bigelow Chapter, D. A. R., of Worcester; member of the Worcester County Woman's Republican Club and League of Woman Voters; and a member of the Auburn school committee for nine years.

She was active in the affairs of the First Congregational Church of Auburn and the Auburn Tennis Club. She was keenly interested in dramatics and assisted in many amateur productions in Worcester and this town.

Nature study was her hobby. She was the author of a book, "Trees of Worcester," which had wide circulation years ago. She also wrote many other nature topics.

**N. Brookfield Native**

Miss Tucker was born in North Brookfield, a daughter of Joseph B. and Arabella (Harwood) Tucker. She lived in that town until she became a member of the Normal School faculty. She has lived here since 1925.

Miss Tucker leaves a sister, Mrs. Nellie T. Munger of this town, with whom she lived; four nieces, Mrs. Richard Dickinson of Granville; Mrs. Roger Bemis of Spencer; Mrs. Noel J. Lamere of Wollaston and Mrs. Samuel Thompson of Schenectady, N. Y.; four nephews, Russell N. Hunter of Westfield, N. J., Harold F. Hunter of Chicago; Stanley B. Tucker of New York City, and George D. Munger of Worcester.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Congregational Church in this town. Rev. Albert H. Wheeler, retired pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Walnut Grove Cemetery, North Brookfield. Arrangements are in charge of Charles S. Lane, undertaker, of North Brookfield.

Sat. morning 6/13/36

**Educator Dies in Auburn Home**



(Photo by Bachrach)  
**MISS ARABELLA H. TUCKER**

**Alumnae Program Had Been Planned in Her Honor For Today**

**FUNERAL SUNDAY**

**Was Past President of Woman's Club and Leader in Others**

**AUBURN, June 12.**—Miss Arabella H. Tucker, 79, prominent educator, clubwoman, and author, died tonight in her home, 164 Central street, this town, after a long illness.

Miss Tucker was a graduate of the first class of the Worcester State Teachers College, formerly the Worcester State Normal School in 1876. She was a member of the faculty 29 years.

The alumnae association of the college, organized many years ago by Miss Tucker, had planned to honor her at the annual reunion tomorrow. The program was to have been dedicated to her and the other five members of the 60-year-out class.

Tonight Dr. William B. Aspinwall, president of the college, paid tribute to Miss Tucker, saying, "Her death is a great loss to the graduates of the college who held her in the highest esteem. She was for many years secretary of the alumnae association, which she organized, and she probably had a larger acquaintance with the graduates than any other person connected with the college. She always maintained great interest in college affairs, and her loss will be keenly felt by the faculty and the graduates."

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