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The subject of this notice, Elisha W. Tucker, was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Tucker and was born in Brant, Erie county, N. Y., November 24, 1829.

When a boy 17 years old he came with his parents to Westfield, Chautauqua county, N. Y., where the family settled, and engaged in farming; also, keeping the Tucker Hotel on the Westfield and Columbus Plank road. He was married June 29, 1852, to Miss Sarah A., eldest daughter of Lucius and Elizabeth Lombard. Their union was blessed with two children, Roscoe V., of Malta, Montana, and Fluvilla B. Hewes, of Ripley, N. Y., who owns and occupies the old Lombard homestead at Lombard, N. Y.

His wife died in 1885. In the winter of 1888 he married his second wife, Harriet, the widow of the late Streeter Whitney, of Sherman, N. Y., who died about a year later. In August, 1889, he left New York state to seek a new home and finally settled at Malta, Montana, where he located a homestead which has since become the town site of Malta. Shortly after locating he built a livery and feed stable and hotel, also, engaged in mercantile business, therefore he was so situated that he could furnish keeping, and supplies for herdsmen who came from 30 to 60 miles away for that purpose. He also built sheep sheds and yards to accommodate the herdsmen, and the first year there were over one hundred thousand sheep shorn in the place. Another venture that proved very profitable was supplying stock cars with hay, which he cut and stacked on the prairie for that purpose, for Malta soon became the prominent shipping point for a radius of over 75 miles. He finally disposed of hotel and store business to engage in the sheep business, which he successfully carried on with his son as a partner.

I should go back and say that when he located, the town of Malta was an abandoned car beside the track of the great Northern Railroad. To-day it is a thriving business place with several hundred inhabitants and all facilities for doing the large business necessary with schools, churches, and stores, also including a large double sheet newspaper, The Enterprise.

He died at Malta at the home of his son on January 17, 1901. The remains, accompanied by his son and granddaughter Grace, were brought to Westfield and the funeral service held at the home of his daughter at Lombard on January 23d, and buried in Volusia, N. Y., cemetery. The impressive services were conducted by Rev. J. G. Townsend, of Jamestown, N. Y. Many of his former townsmen, old friends and neighbors attended and mournfully accompanied the remains to their last resting place.

The esteem in which he was held in his new home is shown by nearly a column in a Malta paper under the head "An old Pioneer Dead," which says: "Mr. Tucker has always been a kind and genial gentleman, had a kind word for everyone and was always ready to help a poor man along. Ever a progressive citizen, taking a deep interest in the welfare of our town." Also, "School was dismissed Friday out of respect for E. W. Tucker whose death occurred Thursday evening." C.

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