

Col. Daniel Azro A. Buck

(19 Apr 1789 – 24 Dec 1841)

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from Vermont; born in Norwich, Vt., April 19, 1789; moved with his parents to Chelsea; was graduated from Middlebury College in 1807 and from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1808; commissioned a lieutenant in the Engineer Corps of the United States Army in the latter year; resigned in 1811 and studied law; appointed a second lieutenant in the Third Artillery in 1811; raised a volunteer company of rangers in 1813 and served until 1815; appointed a captain of the Thirty-first Infantry in 1813; was honorably discharged June 15, 1815, at the close of the War of 1812; was admitted to the bar in 1814 and commenced the practice of law in Chelsea, Vt.; member of the State house of representatives 1816-1826, 1828-1830, and 1833-1835 and served as speaker of the house 1820-1822, 1825, 1826, and 1829; State's attorney for Orange County 1819-1822 and 1830-1834; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket of Monroe and Tompkins in 1820; elected as a Democrat to the 18th Congress (March 4, 1823-March 3, 1825); elected to the 20th Congress (March 4, 1827-March 3, 1829); unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1828; was a clerk in the War Department 1835-1839; clerk in the Treasury Department in 1840; died in Washington, D.C., December 24, 1841; interment in the Congressional Cemetery.

The National Intelligencer, Wednesday, December 29, 1841

In this city, on Friday evening last, at 10 o'clock, of consumption, Col. D.A.A. Buck, aged 52 years.

Colonel Buck graduated Middlebury College, Vermont, at the age of seventeen years, and entered West Point immediately afterwards. The next year, owing to his collegiate education, he graduated at West Point, and entered the Army as a lieutenant. After serving three years Col. B. resigned, some time before the war, and returned to Vermont to take charge of his father's estate. When war was declared, he took command of a company of volunteer rangers, and hastened to the lines. He was present at the battle of Chatauga Woods and Plattsburg, though not engaged in the latter, being unable to cross the river. After the war, Col. B. became a member of the Legislature of his native State--Vermont--and continued sixteen years, twelve of which he was Speaker of the House of Representatives.

In 1823, he was elected to Congress, and again in 1827, where he served with credit to himself and fidelity to his country.

He has left a widow and three children, besides a numerous circle of friends, to regret his death.--
Globe

Cullum, Biographical Register of the U.S. Military Academy

Class of 1808: Daniel A.A. Buck. Not Ranked (31st to graduate from the Academy)

Born and appointed Vermont.

Cadet of the Military Academy July 9, 1806 to February 23, 1808 when he was graduated and promoted in the Army to 2d Lieut., Corps of Engineers.

Served as Assistant Engineer in the construction of the defenses of Bedloe's Island, New York harbor, 1808-11. Resigned August 31, 1811. Reappointed in the Army with the rank of 2d Lieut., 3d Artillery, Oct. 17, 1812 which appointment he having declined, he was then made Captain, 31st Infantry, April 30, 1813. Served in the War of 1812-15 with Great Britain, in the campaign of 1813 under Maj.

Gen. Hampton, being engaged in the Combat of Chateaugay River, Oct. 26, 1813. Disbanded June 15, 1815.

Counselor at law, Chelsea, Vermont 1811-1813, and 1815-35. Member of House of Representatives of the State of Vermont 1816-1822, 1825, 1826, 1829, 1830, 1833-35; and Speaker 1820-22, 1825-26, 1829. Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Vermont, 1823-25 and 1827-29. Trustee of the University of Vermont at Burlington 1829-35. Clerk in the U.S. War Department July 28, 1835 to Dec. 31, 1839; and in the Treasury Department, 1840. Died Dec. 24, 1841 at Washington, D.C., aged 53.