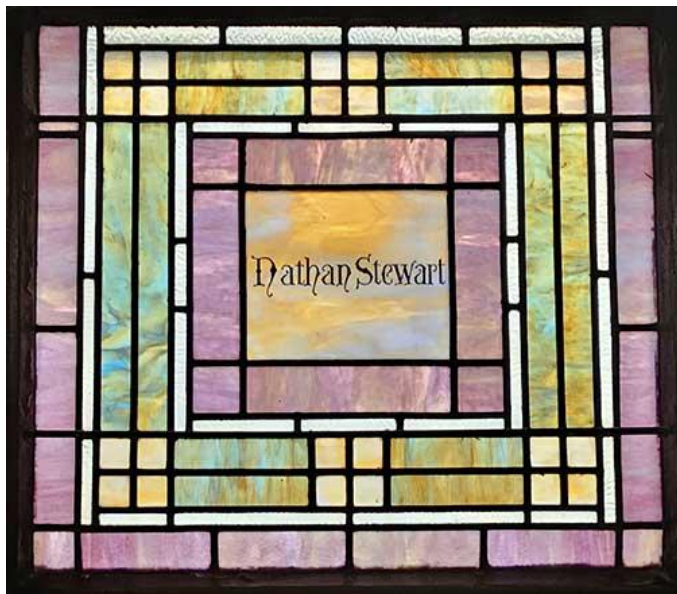


Bottskill Baptist Church History Minute

Church Historian Ken Perry

April 2025- Nathan Stewart



Stained glass window in the Bottskill Baptist Church sanctuary honoring Nathan Stewart.

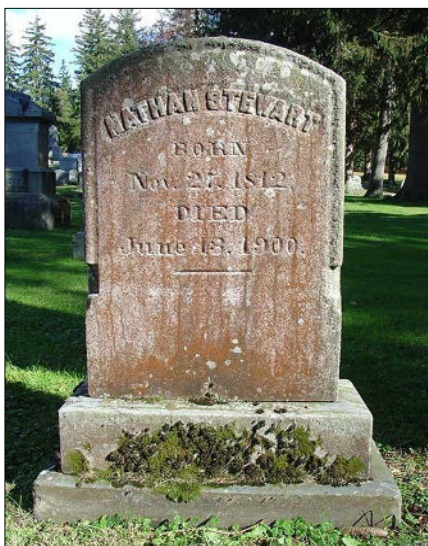
Nathan Stewart was born in the town of Jackson in 1812, the son of David Stewart and Elizabeth Kenyon, and died in 1900. He became a member of this church at an early age, during the pastorate of Elder Edward Barber, our second minister. He was on the search committee that brought Rev. James O. Mason here as our pastor, and, he served as a Deacon in the church for fifty- six years. (Later information discloses that he was also on the committee for constructing the present brick church.)

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Nathan Stewart also happens to be one of the 3rd great grandfathers of one of our current members, Sue Barber, a link stretching over five generations.

For his service to this church, we remember Nathan Stewart.



Nathan Stewart's gravestone located in the Greenwich Cemetery, Greenwich, NY.

[1] 1845 "Antiquarian, and General Review" edited by William Arthur with Nathan Stewart's signature in the top right.

