

[Harkness, Ada Gordon]

Worked for Others

Mrs. James Harkness who Died at Churchville Devoted  
Many Years to Caring for Widows and Orphans

Churchville, Feb. 19.—The death of Mrs. James [Ada] Harkness occurred at her home of Fitch street, this village at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon at the age of 59 years. Mrs. Harkness was born at Spencerport December 23, 1846<sup>1</sup>, and on December 24, 1863 she was married to James Harkness of Churchville. She has lived most of her days in the town of Riga [which includes the village of Churchville] and for many years past in the home where she died. She had been active in works of charity and benevolence and will be greatly missed in this community.

For fifteen years past she has been president of the A. L. Goodrich Woman's Relief Corps and during that time has missed but one meeting and that because of illness. It has been her custom to devote herself more particularly to the needy widows and orphans of Civil War veterans and it is by them that her loss will be more severely felt. When young she embraced the Universalist faith and has since remained a member of that denomination.

She is survived by her husband, James Harkness, who has for the past two weeks been confined to his bed on account of injuries sustained by falling on an icy sidewalk, and also by a brother and sister, William Gordon and sister, Morgiana Edwards, respectively.

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<sup>1</sup> Her gravestone in Creekside Cemetery, Churchville gives her birth year as 1843.