

[Parks, Almira A. Conkling]

POLAND

—Mrs. Almira J. A. Parks died at her home here Friday morning. The deceased had been in poor health for the past two years and has been constantly failing. Mrs. Parks was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conkling who were descendants of pioneer settlers of New England and a branch of the same family as Roscoe Conkling of Utica. Her parents were among the early settlers of Herkimer County and located near Grant where Mrs. Parks was born, April 2, 1832. She was one of a family of twelve children of whom only two are now living, John Conkling of Preshligo, Wisconsin and Morris Conkling of Grant, N.Y. [On] April 3, 1856 she married Alfred Parks of Hinckley and the day following they started for Minnesota and began home making in the far west. When the first call for volunteers [came] in 1861 Mr. Parks was among the first to enlist. He served three months and then returned home; in a short time he re-enlisted, his wife and two small children came East in December 1861. Mr. Parks served in the war until his death in August, 1864. Mrs. Parks moved to Poland seventeen years ago and this village has been her home since. She was a member of the Universalist Society organized at Cold Brook several years ago. She was a member of the Poland W.T.C.U. She was a woman of a kind and cheerful disposition and ever ready to lend a helping hand to the needy, and a large circle of friends will be saddened to hear of her death. She had two children, Charles, who died seventeen years ago, and Mrs. Angel Roberts of this village who survives; she also leaves two grand children, Mrs. Frank Black and Miss Flora Roberts of Utica. The funeral was largely attended Sunday afternoon, Rev. A. E. Cox officiating. Interment was made in Poland Cemetery.

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