

FRANCIS G PARKS

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At the family home in the village of Eagle on Tuesday, Feb. 18, occurred the death of one of the most prominent and highly esteemed of the early settlers of Waukesha County, Francis G. Parks, at the age of 78 years. He was a native of Addison County, Vt., and spent his early life in that state and won honors as a young man there before coming west. He was for eight years a trusted employe of the famous Fairbanks Scale Co., and served two terms in the Vermont legislature in 1853-4.

He came to Wisconsin in 1855 and settled on a farm in the town of Mukwonago. In that year also he was married to Miss Susan Webb, who with three sons and daughters survive him.

In 1861 the family removed to Eagle where Mr. Parks engaged in the real estate and insurance business, which he carried on with success. He was frequently elected to town offices and also served a term in the Wisconsin Assembly in 1873. He devoted a good deal of time to the study of law and was as well equipped in legal matters as are many practicing attorneys, though we believe he never applied for admission to practice in the courts of record.

Mr. Parks was a man of more than average intelligence; he lived an upright life, was a devoted husband and father and withal a gentleman who has closed his long earthly existence full of honors.

To his bereaved family there is extended the heartfelt sympathies of a wide circle of acquaintances.