

SUSAN WEBB PARKS

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The following affectionate tribute to Mrs. F. G. Parks is from the pen of her daughter Mrs. Luella Parks Edwards:

Your letter came just as I was called to the bedside of my mother at my sister's, home in Davenport, Ia., where she went in late-October for a few weeks visit. I got there Thursday evening and she died Friday morning, Jan. 10, going so peacefully and sweetly, after only, a day's sickness, and without great suffering. We brought her home Saturday afternoon and laid her beside my father in Oak Ridge cemetery Sunday afternoon. The services at the house were by the Episcopalian rector of Whitewater.

Susan Webb, was born in Parish of St. Agnes, county of Truro, Cornwall, England, April 15, 1826, and came to this country with her parents in 1832, locating in Brandon, Vt., where she spent her girlhood years and where her mother died.

In 1854 she came with her father, Francis Webb, to the town of Eagle, purchasing what was later known as the Romeo Sprague farm, and was there married November 28th, 1855, to Francis G. Parks. They lived in the towns of Mukwonago and East Troy, and in 1863 came to Eagle village, where they have since lived, Mr. Parks having died six years ago. One son, F. W. Parks, of Pocohontas, Oklahoma, two daughters, Mrs. P. L. Hinrichs of Davenport, Ia., and Mrs. H. B. Edwards of Eagle, Wis., survive her. I hope I may be pardoned if, out of fullness of my love for my mother, I may add a word of the beauty of her life, for there is beauty in the ever sacrificing nature that lives for others, constantly seeking and finding some outlet for her generous helping hand. Always a sincere and hospitable welcome to everyone who came to her door, open house to her friends always; using her own strength and sympathy for others thus my mother lived to-the last hour of her life; and there could be no higher tribute at her last homecoming than the crowding around of the friends of her home town to do one more favor to Mrs. Parks.