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EDWIN PARRISH. 1882

Chester has sustained a heavy loss in the death of this gentleman, which occurred at his late residence, on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Two years ago when riding horseback in Grinnell, his horse broke through a culvert near the Young Ladies' Boarding Hall, throwing Mr. Parrish heavily forward on to the pommel of the saddle. The injury then inflicted brought on a disease which developed into Bright's disease of the kidneys. With this disease he has heroically battled for over a year. The end came suddenly at last. Few knew he was worse. The news of his death was a surprise to nearly all in the township. About a week ago, owing to over-exertion he became suddenly ill, and failed rapidly. He was perfectly aware of his condition and prepared for the end with great calmness. He arranged all his business matters and directed with regard to his funeral, even to the minutest particulars.

Mr. Parrish was born in Franklin, Delaware Co., N. Y., Dec. 22d, 1839. When seven years of age, he moved with his father's family to Otego, Otesgo Co., where he spent seventeen years, studying at the Delaware County Literary Institute, and in farming and lumbering. Afterwards he resided two years in Vineland, N. J., from which place he removed to Chester in the fall of 1867. He started the farm

now occupied by his brother Miles, and in '69 came to the farm which for the last thirteen years has been his home. Mr. Parrish was a man of very decided convictions, industrious, energetic, enterprising. He was successful as a farmer leaving a fine farm of three hundred acres without incumbrance. He was a firm friend of religion, education, temperance and good order. Politically he was a republican and took great interest in public affairs. When fifteen years of age he united with the Methodist Church, and for twenty-seven years has been a devoted member of that branch of the Redeemer's kingdom. He was a warm supporter of the church and Sunday school, contributing largely for their upbuilding.

The funeral was held at his late residence, on Monday, at 11 o'clock. Elder Smith of Montezuma officiating and Revs. Story and White of Chester, assisting. A large assemblage was present, including friends from Grinnell, Sheridan and Highland. His remains were buried in the Grinnell cemetery. It was very gratifying to Mr. Parrish to see once more his brother, Dr. Asbury Parrish of N. J., who arrived on the Friday night train.

Mr. Parrish was married in Oct. '61, to Miss Rosalie A. Greene, his domestic relations being of the happiest kind. His wife and a son and daughter survive him. The death of such a man is an irreparable loss to a community. It will be a long time before the vacancy will be filled.