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Nathaniel W.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Abigail Irene (Park) Clark was born at Searsport in Maine, Nov. 9, 1811. At the early age of 14 she united with the Congregational church under the pastorship of Rev. Stephen Thurston, D. D. She was married Feb. 4, 1829, and lived at Searsport till Dr. Thos. Holyoke and Mrs. Holyoke (her daughter) came to Grinnell, in 1854. Capt. Clark, her husband, came soon after Dr. and Mrs. H., and later, in 1855, Mrs. Clark with seven children came here. Nathaniel, the third child, died here at the age of 22. Her surviving children are Rodney W., Mrs. Abby O. Lawrence, Mrs. Arletta Manatt, Mrs. Harriet M. Butler, and Miss Sarah E. Clark. Mrs. Manatt lives in Lincoln, Neb., and Mrs. Butler in New Hampshire. The early home of the family was opposite B. W. Clark's present residence, in what has since been known as the Chatterton house.

Mrs. Clark was a christian of firm, steady principle, and vigorous faith. She was among the most active, sympathetic and helpful of the early settlers, always took the deepest interest in religious things, and abounded in hospitality and good works. In her 77th year she passed away with the unquestioning christian confidence of all who knew her, and a record of a devout, prayerful and active life well-spent.

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