

OBITUARY

CHARLES WESLEY PARKS

Charles Wesley Parks, formerly of Hackettstown, died Tuesday morning at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Parks, 15 Lincoln Avenue, Dover. He was 82 years old.

Mr. Parks was one of the survivors of the train wreck at Bilby's Bridge, near Hackettstown, during the blizzard of 1888.

He was born at Townsbury on July 31, 1856, a son of the late David and Elizabeth Parks. Mr. Parks was employed by the D.L.&W. Railroad for 21 years, retiring shortly after the blizzard. In 1900 he took up farming, which he followed until 1919. His wife, the former Catharine Wire, died in 1929.

Mr. Parks was a member of the First M. E. Church, of Plainfield.

He is survived by four daughters, and six sons: Mrs. John Wire, of Hackettstown; Mrs. Silas MacDougall, of Plainfield; Mrs. John Steel, of Newark; Mrs. James Hamilton, of Hackettstown; Eugene R. Parks, of Dover; Raymond D. Parks, of South Plainfield; Ellsworth J. Parks and Floyd Parks, both of Hackettstown, Russell Parks, of Plainfield, and Reginald Parks, of Dover. Twenty-six grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon, at Trinity M. E. Church, Hackettstown. The Rev. G. A. Stark, pastor of the Dover First M. E. Church, assisted by Rev. J. Clark Callender of Trinity M. E. Church, will officiate. Interment will be made in the family plot in Hackettstown Union Cemetery.

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