

[Benkesser, Amelia Edinger]

OTISCO WOMAN PASSES

Mrs. Amelia Benkesser, 68, a former resident of Otisco, died Saturday at Minoa. She had been ill 30 years and unable to walk during the past 20 years. She was born in Eisenbach, Prussia, and came with her parents to the U. S. during the Civil War, settling in the village of Otisco. During the years she was confined to a chair, she devoted the time to reading and study, particularly religious themes. Surviving are two sons, Paul Benkesser of Syracuse and Grant E. Benkesser of Monterey Park, Cal., and two brothers: Jacob A. and Charles Edinger, both of Otisco. Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, at the funeral parlors of Fairchild, Meech & Co. Rev. Dr. F.[Frederick] W. Betts, pastor of the Universalist Church [in Syracuse], of which Mrs. Benkesser was a member for many years, officiating. Burial was in Morningside Cemetery.

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