

[Sparks, Jacob]

Jacob Sparks

Fort Plain, Nov. 5.—Jacob Sparks, aged 81 years, died Saturday night at his home in this village following an illness of two weeks, the result of infirmities of age. He was born in the Dutchtown section of the town and had resided here all his life. He was a son of the late Abram Sparks and Maria Ponks¹ Sparks. For many years he was associated with the late John Winning in the tannery business, but for a long time past and up to the time of his final illness he was an employe[e] of the Alphonso Wrath company. In spite of his advanced age, Mr. Sparks was an active fireman and was a member of the Sparks Hose company, and it was through his influence that the hose house was built on Wagner street several years ago. In less than a year, two brothers, a sister and grandson have died from this family, which is one of the oldest in this section. Mr. Sparks is survived by one son, George Sparks, of Utica, and two brothers, John Sparks and Isaac Sparks, of this village. The funeral was held at the home this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and at the Catherine Nellis Memorial chapel at 3 o'clock, the Rev. Herbert Frank Moulton, D.D., pastor of the Universalist church, officiating. The interment was made in the Fort Plain cemetery.

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¹ Plantz, per her gravestone