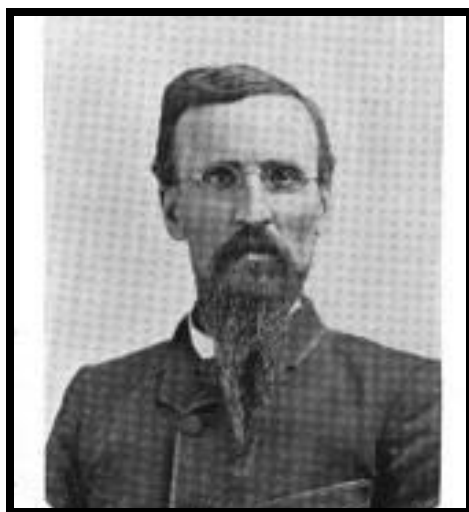




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PARKER, GEORGE H., of Watertown, South Dakota, son of Orrin C. and Julia (Dickinson) Parker, was born at Montgomery, April 5, 1841.

He was educated in the common schools and at Black River Academy at Ludlow, and the New Hampton Institute at Fairfax where he studied for the ministry.

Mr. Parker was ordained to the Baptist ministry at Montgomery Center, Jan. ^31, 1866. He served as pastor for varying periods of one to five years at Berkshire Center, Pamton, Felchville, Grafton, and North Troy, at the latter place serving two pastorates covering a period of seven years. During these long terms he did much active and valuable work organizing churches and securing needed accommodations and members. At East Franklin and South Jay he organized churches and at the latter place assisted in the' erection of a church edifice. In 1886 he settled in Watertown, South Dakota, and served with marked success for three years'.

In 1876-7 he was a member of the Legislature from the town of Reading, Vt., and served on the committee on state prison. Again from the town of Troy he was elected in 1884, serving on the committee on education and took an active part in all work. In 1890 he was elected county superintendent of schools, for Codington county, South Dakota. He was again elected on the Republican ticket in 1892, receiving the largest vote ever cast.

Mr. Parker enlisted at Bakersfield, August 26, 1861, as corporal of Company A, 5th Regt. Vt. Vols., and was with the charge at Lees Mills, in the battle of Williamsburg and the Peninsula campaign ; was severely wounded in the Seven Days fight before Richmond at Goldens Farm.

He was a prisoner at Belle Isle and released August 3 and discharged by reason of his wounds in 1863.

Mr. Parker was twice commander of Bailey Post, G. A. R., North Troy, and of Freeman Thayer Post, Watertown, S. D.

He was married at East Enosburg, August 14, 1864, to Arvilla E. Davis, daughter of Talmon K. and Emma J. Davis, who died April 23, 1873, leaving three children. He was again married Nov. 14, 1874, at Wethersfield to Minerva E. Mitchell, daughter of James and Dolly Mitchell.