

Her son Elam was in the service for one summer with a company of Marrietta College students, but was captured at the time of Stonewall Jackson's famous raid on Harper's Ferry, paroled, and sent home. Her daughter Jennie's husband was out for a short time with the force of militia which turned the Morgan raid in southern Ohio. Those were anxious times, but she came through them with that same trust and faith in God that was always the most prominent point in her character, and the modest pride that she ever afterwards took in the service that her sons rendered their country was well known to her near friends.

April 5, 1881, the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of John Parker and Persis Follett, was a date that will be remembered by all their descendants as one of their happiest recollections, and was no doubt one of the brightest days in the lives of the old couple. The morning was bitter cold and the ground covered with snow, something unusual for April in the Ohio climate, as if to remind the old Vermonters of the climate from which they had come nearly a