

ALMIRA P. WHITE



Born: Nov. 22, 1840 in Exeter, Rockingham, NH

Died: Sep. 26, 1936 in Dyersburg, Dyer, TN

Appointment(s):

National Freedmen's Association
Charleston, SC
Mar. 1865

Hilton Head, SC
Oct. 1865

Georgetown, SC
Dec. 1865

1840-1936

Almira was born in 1840 in Exeter, Rockingham County, New Hampshire to James Alvan White (1801-1861) and Susan G. Goodwin (1811-1883). The family was living in New Durham, Strafford County, New Hampshire in the 1850 US Census. Almira attended Mount Holyoke Female Seminary 1859 - 1860.¹ From the 1880 - 1910 census, she was living in Dyersburg, Tennessee. She moved in 1920 to St. Petersburg, Florida – perhaps with her sister's family, but by 1920 was back in Dyersburg, TN. The *Freedmen's Record* of May 1865 indicates that Almira P. White was on the New England Freedmen's Aid Society list of teachers in Charleston, SC from 1864-1865.² The only record I have found of her as a teacher to the freedmen on Hilton Head Island is in a list of teachers appointed by the New England Freedmen's Aid Society in *The Freedman's Record*, Vol I, No 11, Nov 1865.³ It seems that she was first appointed to Charleston, South Carolina in March 1865 where she remained until September of the same year. She then was sent to Hilton Head where she remained for a little more than three months only. According to Dr. Esther Hawks' diary, Ms. White stopped back in Charleston on November 2, 1865 with Mrs. Seymour to announce that they were being transferred to Georgetown.⁴ Almira left her Hilton Head post and travelled to Georgetown, SC in December 1865. She married Dr. Richard Calvin Parr (1831-1882)

¹ Mount Holyoke Female Seminary. South Hadley, Massachusetts. Twenty-second Annual Catalogue, pp 7, 10. <https://www.acdc.amherst.edu/view/asc:698831>.

² New England Freedmen's Aid Society. *Freedmen's Record*. Vol 1, No 5, May 1865, p 88. https://books.google.com/books?id=Ih_VAAAAMAAJ.

³ Ibid. Vol I, No 11, Nov 1865.

⁴ Schwartz, Gerald, ed. *A Woman Doctor's Civil War: Esther Hill Hawks' Diary*. Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 1994, p 213.

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Almira died on April 28, 1936 in Dyersburg, Tennessee. She is buried in Fairview Cemetery, Section 16.⁵

⁵ Findagrave.com Memorial ID# 50237805 created by D & J Cloninger.
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/50237805/almira-p-parr>.