

MRS. J. W. HOPKINS

Lucia Bigelow was born at Eagle, Wisconsin, January 3, 1838 and departed this life at her home in East Whiting, January 3, 1912, being aged just 74 years.

On October the 17th, at Eagle where she had grown to womanhood, she was united in marriage to Mr. J. W. Hopkins who was her companion and helpmeet for more than fifty-three years of happy wedded life. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins are the parents of nine children, eight of whom still survive her and cherish the memory of the noble devoted mother that she was. Soon after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins removed from Eagle and settled at Dale, Outagamie county, Wisconsin. Here they commenced the life of the sturdy pioneers of those days and cleared eighty acres of land and erected a four-room log cabin.

On February 13, 1865, the husband and father answered the call of his country and enlisted in Co. D of the 49th Wis. Infantry and served for ten months when he was discharged at the close of the War. During these ten months, the wife and mother remained in the log cabin home with her four children, the oldest not being six years old, and cared for her little flock; yet death came and took a little girl from the home, the only death that had broken the home circle until the mother was claimed.

Frank Hopkins of Venango, Nebraska who was called to Whiting by the death of his mother, returned to his home last Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hopkins of Brock, Nebraska, who were called to Whiting by the sickness and death of Mrs. J. W. Hopkins, returned to their home last Saturday evening.

Arthur Hopkins arrived last Friday evening from Fonddu Lac, Wis. and will spend the winter in the home of his father in East Whiting.

on the same farm at Dale, Wisconsin until 1886 when they sold the old place and sought the Golden West, taking their family with them. They located in Chase county, Nebraska and homesteaded 160 acres of land. Soon after locating here, Mr. Hopkins opened a cross-roads store and was appointed by Grover Cleveland as postmaster, the postoffice, the cross-roads and the store being called Winchester; this was the only store within forty miles and a flourishing business was done for six years when the store was sold. Here Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins remained for seventeen years, when with their youngest son Wede, they removed to Whiting to the little home where death claimed the wife and mother.

About thirty years ago, while still in their Wisconsin home, both Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins confessed their faith in Christ as their saviour and united with the Baptist church at that place and have lived the pure, simple christian life and their lives are worthy of emulation.

Mrs. Hopkins is survived by her aged husband, eight children, twenty-two grand-children, one great-grandson, one brother and one sister. The surviving children are Arthur O. of Fonddu Lac, Wis., Elmer E. of Whiting, Iowa, Ferrand W. of Venango, Nebr., Ella J. who died in infancy, Nellie E. Clemmors of Fonddu Lac, Wis., Carrie M. Watkins of Neligh, Nebr., Paul J. of Brock, Nebr., Frank H. of Venango, Nebr., and H. Wede who has been the stay and comfort of his aged parents in their declining years. The sister Mrs. Jas. Wilford resides at Baldwin, Wis., and the brother O. H. Bigelow at Eagle, Wisconsin.

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