

John Hage

10 Oct 1811 - 12 Mar 1902

A PIONEER DIES.

John Hage Departs this Life at the Age of 90. Came to Eagle in 1845.

On Wednesday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. Earle, occurred the death of John Hage. His illness covered a period of several years. He died peacefully surrounded by his children.

He was born in Averham, Nottinghamshire, Eng., Oct. 10, 1811, was married Nov. 15, 1838 to Miss Mary Bingham of Novemby, Eng., by whom he had six children, three of whom are now living and residents of Eagle. Samuel, Mrs. H. H. Earle and Mrs. Ann Griffin. This young couple came to America in 1839 and after six years at Griggsville, N. Y., came to Eagle, Wis., and located permanently on a farm east of the village. In his early manhood he joined the Wesleyan M. E. church of England, and soon began to preach in his neighborhood. In the year 1860 he purchased the schoolhouse in the village and converted it into a church. Here he preached until 1870 when the present church was built and H. C. Tilton was chosen pastor.

He was the first trustee of the church and continued an active and devout member. His was a Christian life with charity for all. He followed farming for a livelihood, and accumulated a handsome estate. His health began to fail a few years ago when his property interests were placed under the care of his son, Samuel. His estimable wife preceded him in death many years ago. He was of a pleasant disposition with a good word for all and was never known to have an enemy in his neighborhood.

He preached upwards of sixty funeral sermons here and offered prayer at many Fourth of July celebrations. In his later years he was familiarly known as "Grandpa Hage" and his presence in the village always elicited words of praise from those who knew him best and longest.

In politics he was a Republican, but never sought office. He held positions of trust in school matters and did much to promote the interests of District No. 1.

He reached the allotted span of life and will be remembered for his religious and charitable work. The funeral will be held at the M. E. church this afternoon. The Rev. I. S. Eldridge of Oconomowoc, formerly a preacher here, and life long friend of the deceased will conduct the services. Interment will be in the Oak Ridge cemetery. We all extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

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