

REV. JOHN HAGE

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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 Nvemby, 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 interest 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 this village always elicited words of praise from those who knew him best and longest.