



**A. R. HINKLEY HOUSE, EAGLE**

Shortly before the territory of Wisconsin was organized and the city of Madison was selected as the seat of government, A. R. Hinkley came to Wisconsin with about 4,000 other pioneers in 1836 to settle on homestead land bought from the government for a little more than \$2 an acre.

On a plot of land one mile and a half east of what is now the village of Eagle Mr. Hinkley began clearing timber for farming. He built a log house. In 1848, when the territory became a state, he drew up plans for the house pictured above. Lime for the mortar he obtained by burning limestone found on the land. Six miles north lay Pretty lake, where he obtained washed sand. The cob-

blestones he picked up on the farm land, grading them by pressing them through a hole in a plank.

From the natural resources about him Mr. Hinkley built his rugged house with walls 18 inches thick, casements and window frames hewed by hand. After 81 years the old dwelling stands in a perfect state of preservation, a monument of Wis-

Here the builder, frontiersman

Here the builder, farmer and frontiersman lived his entire life preparing the land for other generations. The above picture also shows Mrs. Emaline Hinkley Pardee, oldest daughter of Mr. Hinkley, who was born the year the house was built, and Mrs. Harold Pardee, her daughter-in-law.