

WAR VETERAN IS 88 YEARS; IS VERY HALE

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E. P. Hinkley, Civil War Veteran, who lives in the town of Merrill on R. 7, was born in China, St. Clair county, Mich., Dec. 29, 1839, and at the age of six months his parents moved to the town of Eagle, Waukesha county, where he attended school, and where he worked on his father's farm. His father died at the age of 55 years and E. P. Hinkley was the oldest of seven children. Mr. Hinkley enlisted for service in the Civil War at the age of 22 years, when there was a call for 600,000 men. He was a private in the 28th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, Company G, under Captain Enos, and which company was under the command of Lieutenant Turner.

Mr. Hinkley participated in a skirmish in Tennessee, met the Confederates at Union City and took part in the battle at Galena, July 4, 1864. At Little Rock, where his regiment did some fighting, he was left behind and stayed at Pine Bluff. The regiment participated in a fight on the Saline river, where two members of the regiment were killed. They were 13 days and night under fire from a Spanish Fort in Alabama, the Confederates finally vacating it and proceeding to Blakeley, which was taken at night on a later date and which was the fortification protecting Mobile. The regiment went directly into Mobile with Generals Steele and Thomas.

The regiment experienced a skirmish five miles out of Mobile at Whistler station, and from there was taken to Clarksville, Texas, where there had been some fighting the day before their arrival. Their orders were to help get Maximilian out of Mexico, General Sherman succeeding in capturing Maximilian, who was subsequently shot.

Before proceeding to Texas, the regiment was on the Tombigbee river in Alabama and the last rebel general to surrender during the civil war, surrendered to this regiment. The general was "Dick" Taylor, who did not know at the

Mr. Hinkley's regiment was placed on the boat, "Continental," and expected that this boat was destined to go up the Mississippi river to be mustered out, but instead the boat went to Texas on the mission already stated. The regiment was later discharged at Clarkesville, Miss. Mr. Hinkley returned home to Waukesha, where his mother lived with two of her sons, who had remained at home. Mr. Hinkley's next younger brother having served in the 46th infantry. Mr. Hinkley stayed for 10 months on the farm, where a new home, begun at the start of the war, had housed the family. He then went on an adjoining farm of 80 acres which he owned, and in 1884, he went to Cedarville, Mo., where he farmed for four years, and then he returned to Waukesha where he stayed until 1893, when he moved to North Prairie where he lived in the village.

Mr. Hinkley was married in 1871 to Miss Celina Audiss, and to this union were born seven children, Hubert Arthur, who was in charge of sawmills in the south, and who is now salesman for engines in Wisconsin, Percival, Arkansas; Mrs. Myrtle West, Mukwanago, Waukesha county, Wis.; Harry G., North Dakota; Ernest of Merrill; Mrs. Pearl West, Mukwanago, and William of Waukesha.

Mr. Hinkley operated a sorghum mill during the world war at North Prairie, which he still owns but which is no longer in use owing to the changed conditions and supplies of cane and beet sugar. In 1918, Mrs. Hinkley died, and the following year, Mr. Hinkley came to Lincoln county, to live with his son, Ernest, in the town of Merrill. The latter moved about two years ago to Merrill, but the father, who owns 75 acres adjoining the 75-acre farm of his son in the town of Merrill, is living in a small home on this farm. From 15 to 20 acres are cleared but in addition to this, the father is gradually increasing the clearing. He is 88 years old and was formerly a member of the Joseph Bailey Post, Palmyra, Wis. Only two other members of his Company are living, both younger than Mr. Hinkley. Mr. Hinkley is in excellent health considering his advanced age, but a few years ago injured his left shoulder when he slipped on some ice. He regularly attends the Memorial Day exercises in Merrill.

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