

E. P. Hinkley
Biographical Sketch

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E. P. Hinkley was born Dec. 29, 1839, at China, St. Clair Co., Mich. Arrived in Mukwonago June 10, 1840, with his parents. Lived with A. R. Hinkley folks (who was first white settler in Town of Eagle) a relative until fall when the family moved into a log house on Section 10, Town of Eagle.

"Used to have the Indians call to trade and beg. Deer used to come right up to the door or near the house. Prairie chickens used to set on the house.

I recollect of seeing one black bear in 1856. I used to hunt the cows on the marsh and in the woods before I was six years old.

My father died in August, 1855. I was the oldest and there were several others in the family. It made hard scratching for my mother with a debt of over \$400. I had to miss school for several years.

In the War of the Rebellion I enlisted in Co. G, 28th Wis. Inf., in the 600,000 call in 1862. Served almost three years and can relate many interesting events.

I was married in 1872 to Selena Auffiss. We had 8 children, 7 are now living.

In 1884 went to Camden, County, Mo., in wagon to the opening of the land to settlers. Came back from Mo. in 1889, in wagon with 7 children. Homesteaded 160 acres of land in North Dakota in the year 1908."

His wife died in October, 1918, at their home in North Prairie, Gene Township where they had resided for about 15 years, with the exception of the travels Mr. Hinkley has made. He is still strong and active and takes a great interest in affairs.

Since the death of his wife he resides with his son, William Hinkley Genesee Depot, Wis.