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Mr. Hinkley was born in China, St. Clair County, Michigan, December 29, 1839. His parents Oramel and Phoebe (Earle) Hinkley, were natives of Vermont. In June of 1840 they moved to Eagle, Wisconsin, and took up a homestead north of the village.

When he was 16 years of age, his father died, and left him with the responsibility of the farm, as he was the eldest of seven children, all of whom preceded him in death. Here he lived until August 21st, 1862, when he enlisted in Co. G, 28th Wisconsin Voluntary Infantry. With this regiment he participated in the Yaz'oo Pass, and White River expeditions, and the battles of Helena, Pine Bluff, Mt. Elba and in the capture of Little Rock. The regiment was then sent to Mobile and New Orleans and later into Alabama. The next move was to Texas, and from here in August 1865 he was honorably discharged because of illness.

Upon his return home he purchased a farm adjoining the old homestead, and finally settled there in 1872.

Mr. Hinkley was married July 4th, 1872, to Selina, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William Andiss, originally of Lincolnshire, England, who preceded him in death on October 21, 1918. To this union were born eight children, the eldest dying in infancy. The seven who survive are Hubert, of Reedsburg, Wisconsin; Percival, of Marianna, Arkansas; Mrs. Myrtle West of Dorena, Oregon; Harry of Bowman, North Dakota; Earnest, of Merrill, Wisconsin; Mrs. Pearl West of North Prairie, Wisconsin; and William of Merrill, Wisconsin. He also leaves 23 grandchildren, and five great granddaughters.

During the summer of 1935 Mr. Hinkley motored to Arkansas with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey West, covering a distance of 1500 miles. On the return trip he visited Lincoln's home and tomb at Springfield, Illinois, and was privileged to have the honor of raising the flag at the tomb of the president for whom he cast his first Presidential ballot. In October of the same year he journeyed alone to Bowman, North Dakota, where he spent the winter with his son and family, and returned alone in April, 1936.

Until shortly before Christmas when he contracted a cold, Mr. Hinkley had been in the best of health. This, however, did not prevent him from remaining active, and death came peacefully while resting in his chair.

The funeral was held at the North Prairie M. E. church on Tuesday at 2 o'clock, with Rev. Lordahl and Rev. Petherick officiating, assisted by the Daughters of Veterans of Waukesha. A firing squad from St. John's Military Academy was in attendance. Those from a distance who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hinkley and family, of Reedsburg; Percival of Arkansas; Earnest of Merrill; William and family of Merrill; Grace Hinkley, Mrs. Moak, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newton of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Skinner, of Genoa City, and a number from Waukesha and Milwaukee.

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