

Below found copy of letter written by Josiah Hinckley of South Boston, Mass. to A. R. Hinkley which explains itself.

South Boston, Mass. Dec. 24, 1883.

Dear Sir;

Your favor of 15th, inst was duly rec'd thank you for the enclosed family record. I was greatly interested in your letter, just such a one as I wish to have but rarely get.

I am glad to hear of your prosperity and can appreciate the gratification you feel in seeing your children installed in life so pleasantly. Judging from your letter that you are interested in the past history of your family I have taken the liberty to send you herewith for your use a sketch of the successive generations in order from the immigrant down and hope it may afford you some satisfaction. Not having succeeded in obtaining full records of your grandfathers and fathers families although I have done my best to do so having ~~add~~ addressed respectfully your brothers Pringle H. and Daniel and Lewis at Lebanon without avail. I have also taken the liberty to send you for completion so far as you may be able and ~~return~~ return blanks for these families. I have picked up the names and dates of birth of Davids children as they appear in the record by piece meal. All except your fathers family have been very kind to respond to all inquiries made, promptly and efficiently. I have been under great obligation to Chas. Henry Hinckley son of Thomas, see record of Stonington whose P.O. address is Westerly L.I. for information in regard to your line from the time of its settlement in Stonington down to the birth of your grandfather. He also communicated the fact of Davids having settled in Lebanon. I have the impression that he settled for awhile in Norwich, Conn. before his removal to New H. Were any of his children born in Conn. In what year did your grandfather settle in N. H. As I despair of hearing from your brothers I should be pleased to have you give me sketches of those families, whom they married--the names of their children etc. I would like to have also the record of your childrens families more in detail. Would they be interested in filling out blanks if I should send them. I have no knowledge of B.L.(?) Hinkley of Summit, Waukesha Co. I addressed a letter to him some few days ago at Oconomoc. Your kinsman E.P. Hinkley, of Eagle having given that as his address. He also wrote me that there was another Hinkley family in O. Do you know anything about them? Hoping to hear from you at an early date I am very sincerely and fraternally yours Josiah Hinckley South Boston, Mass.

If agreeable I should be pleased to have forwarded to me a brief sketch of your personal history. At the time of your settlement in Wisconsin, the country must have been largely unsettled and uncultivated and it seems to me there must have been many facts of interest in connection with your pioneer life, also cover the size and situation of your farm products, etc.