

## Obituary of Ahira R. Hinkley

The funeral of Mr. Ahira Hinkley who died in his home in Eagle on Wed. Jan 7-1913 was held at his late home Saturday morning and was conducted by his pastor Rev. A. C. Tuttle, Rev. W. W. Perry all of Milwaukee giving the funeral address.

A very large concourse of friends testified to the very high regard which every body held for the grand old man.

He was one of the members of the Wis. Old Settlers association and as long as health would permit was always found here at the annual meeting. When not here he was missed, as he will be in the coming meetings where the originators and the real pioneers are becoming fewer every year.

Of the details of his life the Eagle Daily says:

On Wed. A. M. at half past seven o'clock Ahira R. Hinkley departed this life at the family home East of the village familiarly known to early settlers as the "Cobblestone"

Mr. Hinkley had been in ill health for some time and his death was momentarily expected. He was born in Lebanon, Drafton Co. New Hampshire, Oct 23-18<sup>31</sup> and remained at home until he reached the age of 21 years, when he spent one year in Massachusetts. In Aug. 1836 he came to Milwaukee, which at that time was a little burg and the heart of the city was a marsh where the little Indian boys shot black birds with bow + arrow.

The same month Mr. Hinkley, Henry Andrew Schofield and Charles Raynour started out with ox team towards Waukesha, thence to Mukwonago, where Field race course is situated.

The next morning they followed an Indian trail to Eagle Prairie, which they first viewed from the hill on the Thomas farm, and in sight of the present home. Thence they walked onward until they reached the spring on the present farm, where Mr. Hinkley engraved his initials on a tree and thus made the first claim for land from the Government in this town.

Mr. Schofield, who was with him made a claim on land further south and towards Eagleville. Mr. Hinkley built a log house on his claim soon there after, which was the first house built in the town of Eagle.

For many years the Hinkley log house was a conspicuous