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HICKMAN, PETER S.

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Peter S. Hickman, born in New Jersey, September 11, 1816; after spending twenty-two years on the sea he came to Minnesota in 1857, and five years later settled in Sauk Centre; engaged in farming, and later in carpenter work and wagon making.

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Peter S. Hickman was born in Cumberland, New Jersey, on September 11, 1816. He was the son of John Hickman who descended from Puritan ancestors.

In 1827 he went to sea. He was a sailor for twenty-two years. For fourteen of these twenty-two years he was a sea captain.

In 1849, Peter Hickman settled in New Jersey where he farmed until 1857 when he brought his family from New Jersey with the intention of settling near what is Sauk Centre, Minnesota. When he came to the Mississippi River he was favorably impressed with what is now Nininger, which was three miles from Hastings, Dakota county. He and his family left the boat there and settled on a farm.

In 1861, Peter Hickman went to Sauk Centre. Here he located on a farm two miles north of Sauk Centre at the mouth of Ashley Creek where he got 160 acres of government lands.

On September 18, 1862, the family joined him. During the Sioux outbreak they felt secure and did not enter the stockade. They always considered the Indians their friends.

In 1840, Peter Hickman was united in marriage to Deborah Ingersoll of New Jersey. Peter and Deborah (Ingersoll) Hickman had ten children: Dannelia, Eliza, Sarah, Henrietta, Richard, John J., Marietta, Emma, Adelaide, and Minnie. The last three were born in Minnesota.

Sarah Hickman, a daughter, taught Indian school at Long Prairie when Bad Boy was Chief there. The family was in constant touch with the Winnebagas and the Chippewas and they felt sure that if there



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were any danger from the Sioux bands that they would be warned.

In 1870, Peter Hickman began the manufacturing of wagons, buggies, etc. and did a prosperous business.

He served in a number of town and school offices.

In 1874 Peter and Deborah (Ingersoll) Hickman moved into Sauk Centre where they died .

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