

## Pioneer Life in Wisconsin

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In compliance with the request of the State Historical Society, for my reminiscences of pioneer life, together with my recollections of the Winnebago and Black Hawk Indian Wars, I herewith communicate an imperfect and concise sketch for the use of the Society.

I was born in Carter county, East Tennessee, August 1st, 1790. My parents were natives of Shenandoah county, in the Valley of Virginia, and my father, Peter Parkinson, served under Col. Daniel Morgan in the Revolutionary War, and on one occasion was wounded; and about the close of that contest, he removed to East Tennessee, where he took an active part in all public matters pertaining to that pioneer era in Tennessee settlement. He served under Col. John Tipton as a captain, in 1788, in a sort of civil strife then raging among the East Tennesseans, growing out of a conflict of jurisdiction in consequence of the short-lived republic of Franklin, organized under the leadership of Col. John Sevier. It was mainly a war of words, though some blood was shed before its termination. My father died in Carter county, in March, 1792.

After residing a while in White county, Tennessee, I migrated in May, 1817, to the southern part of the then Territory of Illinois, and settled in Madison county, twenty-five miles east of St. Louis, which town then contained about five thousand inhabitants.