

Timeline of Rev. George Beall Hinkle

	Name:	Rev. George Beall Hinkle¹
Age		
	Parents:	Jesse H. Hinkle^{4,8,9,43,51} (1798-1872) and Mary Ann Folck⁹ (1799-1881)
84	Life Range	25 December 1828- 7 July 1913
	1828-1851	Residence: Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland. He was born and raised on a farm 4 miles east of Cumberland. ^{1,4,10}
	1828 December 25	Birth: Pleasant Grove, Allegany County, Maryland. ^{1,2,3,4,5}
	1829 October 10	Spouse: Priscilla C. Brown (1829-1914). Born in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Died on 15 February 1914 in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. ^{1,3,45}
20	1848-1913	Church Affiliation: Methodist Episcopal. Converted at a camp-meeting in 1848 in Maryland. ^{1,5,11}
22	1850	Census 1850: Allegany County, Maryland. ¹⁰
23	1851-1853	Residence: Missouri. ^{1,5}
25	1853	Immigration: from Missouri. California. ¹
25	1853	Occupation: miner. in California. ^{1,5}
28	1856	Ministry: American Valley, Plumas County, California. ¹²
29	1857	Ministry: Dutch Flat, Placer County, California. "The first we know of Methodism in Dutch Flat, G. B. Hinkle, who had been sent the year before to American Valley, reported having been there half a year, and left twenty-five communicants, a parsonage worth \$65, a Sunday-school having thirty scholars, and had received \$150 in salary" ¹³
32	1860	Ministry: Clover Creek, Shasta County, California. ^{5,14}
34	1862	Ministry: El Dorado, El Dorado County, California. Also Diamond Springs nearby. ^{5,15,16}
35	1863	Ministry: Reno, Washoe County, Nevada. He did not preach regularly here at this time. Five years before Reno became a chartered town in 1868, a Methodist fellowship had gathered and was served by circuit riders Rev. Francis M. Willis and Rev. George B. Hinkle. ^{21,22}
35	1863-1864	Ministry: Unionville and Star City, Pershing County, Nevada. ^{18,20,23}

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35	1863-1897	Occupation:	<p>Methodist Circuit Minister, United Methodist of the California-Nevada Annual Conference. Nevada and California. "This worthy man remained a staunch friend of the Nevada work for 30 years, the longest continuous service of any man in its history, retiring in 1893."</p> <p>"Work of the Methodists: In Nevada the Methodists have been active from the first. Wherever possible the influence of the church has been extended... The Conference has been helped by the Board of Church Extension very greatly: it has been given practice aid, erecting new churches and helping rebuild those destroyed. Every new mining camp was visited, no territory, no matter how isolated, was neglected, for their traveling ministers were always ready to visit them."</p> <p>"George B. Hinkle was received into full connection in 1863. He was in the Nevada work when the conference was formed. He has always remained there. So far as the writer knows, he has been a useful minister of the gospel. When the conference was given up, he very properly fell back into the California body, though still residing in Nevada. In 1897 he was on the superannuated list, his address being Reno."</p> <p>Among the places he served were the following: Unionville NV, Star City NV, Sierraville CA, Truckee NV, Quincy CA, Coleville CA, Winnemucca NV, Genoa NV.^{1,5,11,17,18,19}</p>
34	1863 September 2- 1863 September 8	Admitted into Conference:	Admitted into full Conference. Napa, Napa County, California. ^{5,20}
36	1864	Ministry:	Truckee Meadows, Washoe County, Nevada. This includes what is now Reno and Sparks. ²⁴
40	1869 May 20	Marriage:	Priscilla C. Brown (1829-1914). In Carson City, Nevada. ^{1, 5, 44}
42	1870	Census 1870:	Indian Twp., Plumas County, California. ²⁵
42	1870	Residence:	Indian Twp., Plumas County, California. ²⁵
44	1872	County School Superintendent:	Genoa, Douglas County, Nevada. ²⁶
43	Cal 1872 July 16	Son born (#1):	George Toreson Hinkle (Cal 1872-1912). ⁴⁷ Born in Nevada. ^{3,17,48} Died on 22 March 1912, buried in East Lawn Cemetery, Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. ^{3,48,49}

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43	1872 August 26	Death of Father:	Jesse H. Hinkle (1798-1872). In Near Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland. ⁸
47	Abt 1875	Ministry:	Winnemucca, Humboldt County, Nevada. "When George B. Hinkle came he built a church costing \$4,000..." ²⁷
50	Bef 1878	Residence:	Aurora, Mineral County, Nevada. ²⁸
50	1878	Ministry:	Bodie, Mono County, California. Assigned to Bodie, and Bridgeport, California. ^{28,29}
50	1878-1880	Residence:	Bodie, Mono County, California. ^{17,28,30}
50	1878-1880	Bodie Methodist Church:	<p>Bodie, Mono County, California. During the time Rev. Hinkle was preaching in Bodie there was no Methodist Church. He preached in both the Minors Union Hall and the IOOF Hall. By the time the church was build he was transfered elsewhere.</p> <p>December 1878 We have no church, but Miners Union Hall answers that and a variety of other purposes. On Saturday evening, for instance, the hall was occupied for a "grand testimonial and complimentary benefit to Billy Costello, the champion lightweight of the Pacific Coast," matched to fight Harry Maynard for \$1000, a side. The performance closed with a rattling "passage at arms" between Billy Costello and Cassidy. At ten o'clock Sunday morning the Rev. Father Cassin, of the Roman Catholic Church, said mass in the same place, but dismissed his congregation in time to allow Rev. G. B. Hinkle of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to preach to his little flock, at 2 p.m. In the same evening the platform of the same hall was occupied by an amateur minstrel performance, on which occasion were not a few of the dead and buried jokes of the past generation perpetrated upon the present one.</p> <p>December 1879 Divine Services. Divine Services tomorrow at Odd Fellow's Hall at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M., G. B. Hinkle officiating. All are cordially invited to attend.</p> <p>Reverend Hinckle Society entertains. A church sociable will be given by the ladies of Reverend Hinckle Society tomorrow evening. The best of music and a choice dramatic entertainment is down on the programe.</p> <p>Oysters, lemonade, candies, fruits and popcorn balls for refreshment. A pleasant time together with a profitable social gathering is anticipated. Let everybody attend.</p>

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			April 1880 Rev. Mr. Hinkle will soon commence the erection of a Methodist Church on Green Street, above Fuller – an excellent location. ^{28,30}
50	1879 March	Methodist Sabbath School:	Bodie, Mono County, California. Organized a Methodist Sabbath School. By 1880 it has 130 children. ²⁸
52	1880	Ministry:	Pine Grove and Masons Valley, Lyon County, Nevada. "Rev. G. B. Hinkle took charge in 1880 and since his coming a parsonage costing \$600 had been erected." ¹⁹
52	1880	Census 1880:	Bodie, Mono County, California. ¹⁷
51	1880 November	Residence:	Walker River Valley, Mono County, California. ²⁸
52	1881 August 4	Death of Mother:	Mary Ann Folck (1799-1881). In Cumberland, Allegany County, Maryland. ⁹
61	1889-1890	Residence:	Lovelock, Humboldt County, Nevada. "Lovelock is in Humboldt County, Nev. Rev. George B. pastor. Brother Hinkle has had a difficult year. He has done the best he could and held the fort. The abundant harvest will make this charge less difficult next year. The Lord had great work here, and it must and will be done. There is a church and parsonage, and the church services have been maintained. Brother Hinkle is and old pioneer. He does not give up easily. He goes to his work and 'stays with it.'" ^{31,32}
65	1893	Supernumerary Status:	Requested supernumerary relation with the Methodist Conference.
69	1897	Retired:	Reno, Washoe County, Nevada. ^{5,14}
69	1897-1907	Residence:	Reno, Washoe County, Nevada. ^{14,33,34,35,36}
72	1900	Census 1900:	Reno, Washoe County, Nevada. ³⁴
79	1907-1913	Residence:	3708 Park Ave. Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. ^{1,33,37,38,39,40,41,42,43}
82	1910	Census 1910:	Sutter Twp., Sacramento County, California. ³⁷
83	1912 March 22	Death of Child (#1):	George Toreson Hinkle (Cal 1872-1912). ^{3,48,49}

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85	1913	Tombstone Inscription:	Geo. B. Hinkle/1828-1913/Priscilla C. Hinkle/1829-1914/Geo. T. Hinkle/1872-1912. East Lawn Cemetery, Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. ³
85	1913	Obituary:	The Cumberland Times. Allegany County, Maryland. HINKLE 30 Aug 1913 Rev. George B Hinkle, a son of the late Jesse Hinkle and a brother of Rev. Richard Hinkle, died on 7 Jul 1913 at Sacramento CA, aged 95 years. Four days prior to his death, his twin sister, Mrs Elizabeth Crawford of Buffalo NY had died. A sister, Mrs. Jane Elbin and another brother, Rev. Richard Hinkle of York PA survive. Mr Hinkle was born and raised on a farm 4 miles east of Cumberland on the Baltimore Pike, where Mr Hinkle had lived. DW Beall of Cumberland is a cousin and Harry Howard Oglesby of Cumberland is a nephew. ⁴
84	1913 July 7	Death Cause:	pulmonary oedema. Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. ⁶
84	1913 July 7	Death:	Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. ^{1,2,3,4,5,6,7}
84	1913 July 9	Burial:	East Lawn Cemetery, Sacramento, Sacramento County, California. ^{3,6}
84	1913 September 17	Obituary:	<p>Memoirs California Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, 1913. Pacific Grove, Monterey County, California. "Tall of stature, straight as an arrow, open kindly face, sincere honest nature, sincere of heart and single of purpose, never swerve from duty or the right. The only Sinuous curves that he knew were the winding trails through the canyons and over the mountains of the big Nevada circuits. Record for faith, fidelity and plodding service in the Kingdom of God.</p> <p>He was one of the fifteen admitted to the California Conference in 1860. In 1863 his circuit, Humboldt, was not even a saddle bag circuit for he had neither horse nor saddle bag. Preaching places for years were eight, twelve, and thirty-five miles apart and had to be covered on foot. He was an itinerant "Pacer."</p> <p>He served for thirty-five years and stands highest on the Roll of Nevada's effective ministerings. Built many churches and parsonages. Some times quarrying the stone and helped in shaping the timbers with his own hands.</p> <p>1893 Supernumerary, 1897 Retired. He was not a college man. All the years of his years of his life were spend in service. Converted at a camp-meeting in 1848; 1851 moved to Missouri; 1862 crossed the plains to California; engaged in mining. One son, George (married) and his wife, Priscilla, survive him."¹</p>

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General Notes: **Biography of Rev. George Beall Hinkle**

To those of us who knew him the Rev. George B. Hinkle stands out distinctly—a man tall of stature, straight as an arrow, with open, kindly face expressing a sincere honest nature. Prolonged acquaintance confirmed first impressions of sincerity of heart and singleness of purpose. He never swerved from duty nor from right. There were no obtuse or other angles in this man's life. The only sinuous curves he knew were those of the winding trails through the canyons and over the mountains on the big Nevada circuits. His course was straight ahead. On that line he went to the end, leaving a record for faith and fidelity and plodding service that counts in character and in the Kingdom of God.

Thinking of brother Hinkle, we also think of a group of the Nevada pioneer preachers; and the zephyrs from the hills and the valleys of the Battle-born State waft us a sagebrush fragrance odoriferously agreeable. We have pleasurable pride in having known some of those men of the mountains and the mines and the valleys and the sagebrush plains, and feel honored to have been in such a succession of service.

George B. Hinkle was admitted to the California Conference in 1860 in a class of fifteen, among whom were B. W. Rusk, W. B. Priddy, Asa P. White and W. S. Corwin. His first appointment was to Clover Creek Circuit, Mount Shasta District. The next circuits traveled were Diamond Springs and Eldorado. Nevada was then a District of the California Conference, Adam Bland, Presiding Elder; and in 1863 Mr. Hinkle was sent to Humboldt Circuit, which was not even a saddlebags circuit, for the preacher had neither horse or saddle. The next year he was appointed to the Truckee River Circuit. Both circuits were large, with preaching places eight, twelve, thirty-five and thirty-six miles apart, the distances to be covered on foot. Brother Hinkle was an Itinerant Pacer.

Nevada was not an inviting field, unless one looked for very hard work beset with difficulties and dangers. It called for men of heroic mold. They were available and ready. Taking nothing from the luster of any Nevada name, for the gift of the fullest measure of the years of effective ministry we must write highest on the Roll the name of George B. Hinkle, coupled with the name of his friend and mountain confrere—Warren Nims. Having once put their hands to Nevada's Gospel plows, these two brave men never looked back over the Sierra's to California's more congenial fields. The records show Mr. Hinkle, in thirty years, serving that geographical empire and ecclesiastical domain in all its widely-separated appointments: from Tuscarora and Elko to Bodie and Bridgeport; from Quincy to Coleville; from Winnemucca to Genoa.

Having traveled the mountains and the valleys for thirty-five years, building churches—sometimes quarrying the stone for the foundations and shaping the timbers for the framework with his own hands, erecting parsonages—doing much of the work and often furnishing most of the money, answering Roll-call at every Annual Session; never failing to "take the collections"; living always a true Christian life, and preaching a full Gospel everywhere, he asked for and was granted in 1893 the Supernumerary Relation. His superintendent, Dr. Eugene W. Van Deventer, said in his annual report: "All these years his life has been a faithful testimony for the right. No strain rests upon him." Four years later he was granted the Retired Relation.

He was not a college man—his only education being in the common schools of a country district seventy odd years ago. He was not really a man of books and wide reading. And yet, the Course of Study, the Hymnal and the Discipline, furnished the men in of those days with the fine equipment for their fields.

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Mr. Hinkle was born December 25, 1829, at Pleasant Grove near Cumberland Maryland. He was converted at a Camp meeting in August 1849. In 1851 he moved to Missouri, and in 1853 crossed the Plains to California and engaged in mining. The Conference record is in the above paragraphs. On May 20, 1869, in Carson City Nevada, he and Priscilla Brown were united in marriage, solemnized by Rev. Dr. John d Hammond. One son was born to them, to whom they gave the name George. He grew to manhood and married. His death occurred a few years ago. Mrs. Hinkle is a noble woman and has proved a true helpmeet [sic] to her now sainted husband. She tarries this side awhile. Her crown awaits her. Our friend and ministerial brother died in Sacramento Cal., July 7, 1913. He was faithful unto death. His work abides. He lives forever. It is worth while to have known him.

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