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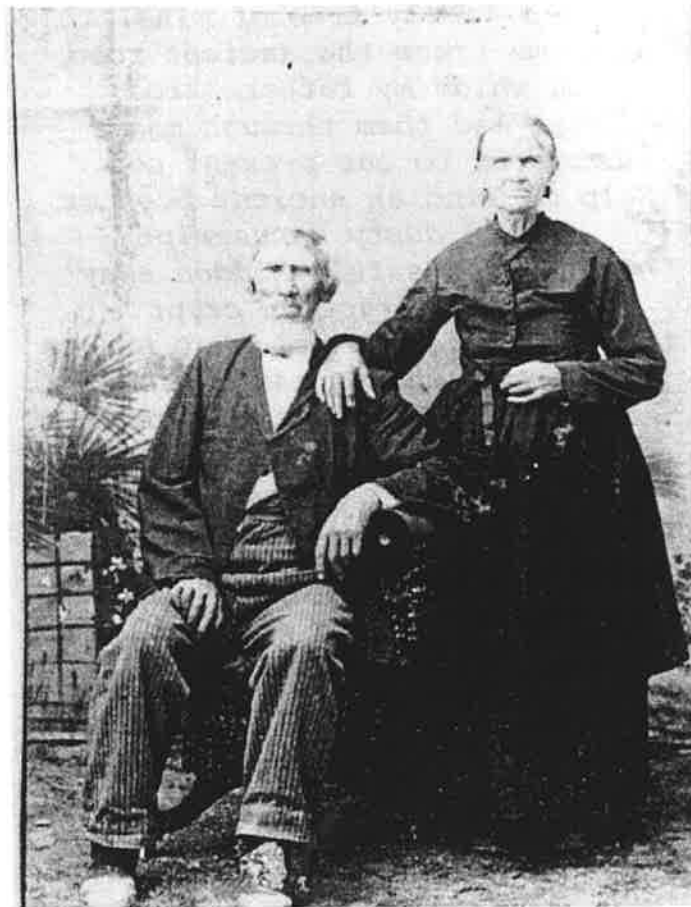
**HINKEBEIN**

**STORY**

THE STORY BEGINS WITH  
MEINARD GEORGE HINKEBEIN  
AND

MARIA BEHRENS

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*Prayer for  
Genealogists*

*Help me dig into the past  
And sift the sands of time,  
That I might find the roots to  
This family tree of mine.  
Help me trace the ancient road  
On which my fathers trod  
That led them through many  
Lands on to our present sod.  
Help me find an ancient book or  
Even a dusty manuscript  
That's now safely hidden away  
In some forgotten crypt.  
Let it bridge the gap that haunts  
My soul when I can't find  
The missing link with another  
Surname identical to mine.*

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Dedicated to the children of  
John Herman Hinkebein and Bernadine Stoverink

Acknowledging what they taught

Laurence Anthony Hinkebein..... Prudence  
Vincent Theodore Hinkebein..... Integrity  
Edna Catherine Hinkebein..... Fortitude  
Marie Antoinette Hinkebein..... Laughter  
Clementine Ann Hinkebein..... Endurance  
Paul Joseph Hinkebein..... Courage  
Henry Eugene Hinkebein..... Kindness  
Teresa Agnes Hinkebein..... Compassion  
Patricia Ann Hinkebein..... Love

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AVERAGE FOLKS

Our family is not aloof  
Sedate or dignified.  
But we are just the average folks  
Who labor side by side.  
Our children are our partners and  
They share in all the fun  
Oh, happy schemes, delightful dreams  
And all that we get done.  
We have no conversations that  
The youngsters may not hear  
Because they are a part of us,  
And they are sweet and dear.  
We live together day and night  
And every moment share  
Each little problem and success  
And every hope and prayer.  
Let other people pride themselves  
On pomp and dignity.  
We only want the love that makes  
A happy family.

From the book, "More Poem Portraits", by James J. Metcalfe.