

Caroline Quiner “MA” Ingalls Birthplace – A bit of Pheasant Run’s History!



Marker # 0202 – Located on the Southeast corner of our property.

Caroline Quiner “MA” Ingalls, mother of Laura Ingalls Wilder author of the “Little House” series of books, was born in a cabin here, December 12, 1839. Caroline was the earliest known settler born in the Town of Brookfield. Her parents, Henry N. Quiner and Charlotte Tucker, purchased 80 acres north of our property’s Southeast corner intersection (Brookfield Road and Davidson Road) on November 5, 1839. Her father, Henry Quiner, died in 1845 in a shipwreck on Lake Michigan. The family then moved in 1847 to Concord in Jefferson County where Caroline Quiner met and married Charles Ingalls.

In 2006, the Elmbrook Historical Society Board funded this Marker Number 02-02 and it was then erected by the Waukesha County Historical Museum. There is another marker related to this marker 02-02. The “Laura Ingalls Wilder” marker is located in

Pepin County, Wisconsin where Laura was born. A park is named after her in Pepin!



Caroline and Charles Ingalls

And then as Paul Harvey was nearing the end of a story during his mid-day radio show; he would say, “Now, for the rest of the story”!



Laura Ingalls Wilder

Laura Elizabeth Ingalls was born to [Charles](#) and [Caroline \(née Quiner\) Ingalls](#) on February 7, 1867. At the time of Laura Ingalls' birth, the family lived seven miles north of the village of Pepin, Wisconsin, in the [Big Woods](#) region of Wisconsin.

Laura began her writing career when she was sixty-five. First in the series of eight books was *Little House in the Big Woods* (1932), which described her experiences growing up in the Pepin, Wisconsin area. Her first book was an immediate success! The [Little House on the Prairie](#) series of children's books, published between 1932 and 1943, were based on her childhood in a settler and pioneer family. Her "Little House" books were awarded a medal in 1954 as "lasting contributions to children's literature."

Laura was surprised at her success and told an interviewer after writing her first book, "I thought that would end it. But what do you think? Children who read it wrote to me begging for more. I was amazed because I didn't know how to write. I went to little red schoolhouses all over the West and I never was graduated from anything." She died in 1957.

The television series [Little House on the Prairie](#) (1974–1983) was loosely based on her books. The series starred Melissa Gilbert as Laura and Michael Landon as her father, Charles Ingalls.

Background information from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.