

Hanford M. Selleck
Aug. 20, 1820 - Aug. 28, 1891

Hanford M. Selleck came to Green county in 1856, and purchased a farm in the town of New Glarus. His children managed the farm while he worked at his trade as carpenter and joiner in different parts of the county. In 1870 he sold the farm and went to Monticello, and bought a house and some land adjoining the village, and has since made that his home.

He was born on Hart Island, Long Island Sound, Aug. 20, 1820. When he was but an infant his parents moved to Connecticut, lived at Stanford a short time and then moved to Greenwich. He made his home with them there until fourteen years old, then went to live with an uncle on Long Island, where he remained one year, when he went to New York city and apprenticed to a carpenter and joiner to learn the trade, and served five years, nine months and seventeen days. He then did journey work in the city for a short time, then engaged with Peter Lorillard, at Westchester, and worked for him two years. Then in 1845, went to Pittsburg, Penn., and remained one year; then, 1848, went to Nashville, Tenn., and spent one year, then returned to Pittsburg, where he remained until 1855; then he came to Wisconsin, and located at Janesville, where he remained one year, then came to this county. He has been twice married.

His first wife, to whom he was married in 1842, was Catalina Cunningham. Seven children blessed that union – George, Annie, Alfred, Guy, Lucian, Catalina and Charles. Mrs. Selleck died April 7, 1872.

His second wife was Sarah J. Hill, to whom he was married Dec. 11, 1873, widow of Private Eli James Fitch, Company G, 1st Regiment U.S. Sharpshooters, killed July 2nd, 1863 at Gettysburg. She was a native of Lycoming Co., Penn., and had two children – Ernest M. and Floyd H.