

RICHLAND COUNTY WISCONSIN HISTORY - 1884

CHAPTER XXXIV TOWN OF WILLOW

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VALENTINE STODDARD

Valentine Stoddard, one of the pioneers of Willow, is a native of Connecticut, born in Litchfield, July 25, 1810. When he was five year old, his parents emigrated to Ontario Co, N. Y. They made the journey in the winter season and took their household goods upon a sled drawn by two pairs of oxen, and were thirty-one days upon the road, a distance of 300 miles.

His father purchased a farm in the town of Richmond, and here the subject of this sketch grew to manhood. He was married in March, 1833, to Joanna Davison, a native of Ontario county, and purchased a farm in the town of Canadice, where they lived until 1855.

In that year they came to Richland county and settled on section 31. He first built a log cabin and then began clearing his present farm, which is situated in Little Willow valley. He has cleared and fenced seventy-five acres, erected a large frame house and other buildings.

His wife died in February, 1859, leaving eight children, six of whom are now living—Jane, now the wife of George McCrossin; George, now living in Kansas; John, Harlow and Jesse live in Richland county; Jennette, the wife of Seth Frost, lives in Michigan.

Mr. Stoddard was married the second time in 1860, to Rebecca Sippy, daughter of Joseph and Martha (Cogswell) Sippy. She was married in 1850 to Robert McCloud, who died in 1852, while on his way to California. He left one child— Laura, now the wife of Monroe Slater. There is one child by the last union—Frank.