

Thomas Sears
Oct. 18, 1819 - June 10, 1893

Thos, Sears, a highly respected pioneer of Green county, died near Monticello on June 10, 1893, in his 74th year. He leaves a family to mourn his sudden death.

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Thomas Sears, one of the pioneers of Green county, was born in the town of Knox, Waldo Co., Maine, Oct. 18, 1819. He was reared on a farm until fifteen years old, when his parents moved to the town of Freedom. His father owned a woolen mill there, which he afterward gave to Thomas and his brother. Soon after this the mill burned and they erected a saw and shingle mill, which they operated until 1844, then went to Georgia and worked as millwright through one winter, then returned to Maine and remained until fall, then returned to Georgia and spent the most of the time until July, 1847, then returned to Maine and was married December 29, of that year, to Adeline Holt. She was born in the town of Clinton, Kennebec County, Nov. 29, 1827. They remained in Waldo County until the fall of 1849, then came to Wisconsin, starting on a steamer for Boston, thence by railroad to Buffalo, thence by the lakes to Milwaukee, and there hired a team to bring them to this county. He bought land on section 8, with a little improvement, including a log house, into which they moved and spent the winter in company with two other families. Four years later he erected a frame house and occupied the same until 1879, when he built another which he now occupies. Mr. and Mrs. Sears are the parents of five children – Wilmer, Sarah, Ella and Fred. Carroll, the third child, was born June 12, 1855, and died March 27, 1858