

In the fall of the same year was born Ella, eldest daughter of Mr. Miner, the first native white child born in the same territory. About the latter part of July, Robert Thompson came up with his family from the southern part of the State—making the second family at Necedah.

During this season the following men were employed about the mill and on the river, in addition to those of the former set who remained at the mill, viz: Lucius Lawrence, James Trumbull, J. Williamson, Daniel Kellogg, N. Carleton, B. Philbrick, Charles Holmes, W. Adams, J. Pixley, J. S. Hoyt, K. Bishop, C. A. McCauley, and Robert Peaslee. Late in the season, John H. Armstrong, John McGregor, and William Adderly came. The last three were from New Brunswick, and were employed to work for H. W. Kingsbury, of Quincy, who had a contract to log for T. Weston & Co. the ensuing winter. William D. Peaslee came about the same time. He was formerly from the State of Maine; but had worked on the Lemonweir and Wisconsin rivers for the preceding two years. This winter, Peaslee, in company with two or three others, built a camp on Yellow River, near the present village of Dexterville, and were engaged in getting out square timber.

Early in this season, 1850, a road was cut out to the mouth of Yellow River, on the west side; and the year following was continued on down the Wisconsin, on the east side, by the way of Dell Prairie, to Portage City, making a more direct route from the Yellow River country to that place, the chief point for supplies at that date for the Upper Wisconsin and its tributaries. During the winter of 1850–51, T. Weston & Co. banked with their own teams and by contract, about eight thousand logs, sealing over three million feet.

In the early part of 1851, Weston & Co. made an arrangement with Mr. Werner to saw lumber for them on shares, Werner to furnish mill and power. In the spring he removed with his family from Grand Rapids to Necedah, and commenced the erection of a steam sawmill at the latter place. The mill was completed, and put in operation the ensuing summer, and was the first steam sawmill built on the Wisconsin River waters above the mouth of