The Austrian pine that grows beside the front porch of the Hoard Historical Museum in Fort Atkinson was planted about the same time Rufus White, a Fort Atkinson druggist, built the house in 1864.

The second owner of the home was Frank Hoard, a member of the illustrious Hoard family that included William Dempster Hoard, who was elected governor of the state in 1888 after founding Hoard's Dairyman and encouraging farmers to “substitute the cow for the plow.”

The Hoard Historical Museum features one of Wisconsin’s outstanding collections of local history.

Source: Hannah Swart, Fort Atkinson