

The Durward's Glen Spruce

Sauk County

A Scottish-born poet and painter, Bernard Isaac Durward, came to Wisconsin in the middle 1800s and settled himself in 1862 in a lovely, isolated valley in the Baraboo Hills, Sauk County, now called Durward's Glen.

In 1852 he painted a portrait of Bishop Henni and became a Roman Catholic. His home reflected a life dedicated to God, nature and art. Among his plant-

ings was a Norway spruce, which grew to be the third-largest in the state, third only because its trunk forked before the official circumference-measuring height of 4½ feet. At 3 feet, its girth was 13 feet 8 inches. Apparently the tree is now dead.

Durward's paintings and those of his equally talented son, Charles, hang in the Rock Gallery at the Glen. The estate is now the home of the Saint Camillus Novitiate.