The chain of hills which traverse Washington County from north - northwest to south-southwest is made up of debris deposited there from the edges of the Michigan and Green Bay glaciers which met there. These ranges of hills are called kettle moraines because they were piled up as though in huge caldrons, the sides consisting of walls of ice higher than a hundred feet. The continuous melting of ice at the rims of both glaciers produced an enormous amount of water which could be drained only through the kettle. The debris piled up, creating the ranges of hills running nearly parallel and consisting of gravel. Each range indicates the position of the glacier's edge at the time which would advance or retreat according to conditions of climate. An early historian of this area wrote that "a most impressive view of the kettle moraine is gained from the hill a half mile west of the Schlesingerville depot. Looking toward the east, the village is relieved against a background so abrupt and so distorted as to appear like a pile of hills dumped one upon another. To the west, over one hundred feet below the spectator, extends the slightly rolling ground moraine which was formed below the ice of the Green Bay glacier. Between the kettle moraine in the east and the ground moraine in the west lies a strip of low lands several miles broad, partly swampy and occasionally interrupted by groups of hills which are also the work of the receding glaciers. The ranges and hills rise from one hundred to several hundred feet above the plain at their bases".

It was to this area, surrounded by the beautiful lake of Silver, Pike and Cedar, Big and Little, that the German-Alsatian, B. Schleising Weil was to establish a trade center which became the village of Slinger. In 1845, with money intended for the purchase of horses for the French government, Weil instead purchased 20,000 acres of government land for the price of twenty-five cents an acre. Of this purchase of land in the Town of Polk, 527 acres was platted for the village which was to carry his name for more than seventy-five years.

He was an astute merchant and built a store and dwelling shortly after his arrival to the territory. He sold his
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assortment of merchandise to the settlers and they in turn bartered everything their land produced. The village soon became the trading market for the entire area. Soon blacksmiths, shoemakers, wagonwrights and others with a trade settled in Schlesingerville. Hotels were operated in the 1860’s by John Menger and Fred Roth families to accommodate the farmers who came fairly long distances to market their goods in this thriving trade center. Two tanners settled in the town, George Ippel and Thomas Jenner. They immediately found need for their tannery. Weil established a distillery. Knowing the value of having the services of a railroad, he was instrumental in having the La Crosse (St. Paul) railroad laid through the settlement. A great celebration was held when in 1855 the tracks reached Schlesingerville. The prominent Milwaukeeans who rejoiced with Schlesinger at this milestone in the village’s history included the president of the railroad Stoddard Judd, Judge Larabee and Mayor James B. Cross. Stories abound about the length of the celebration and the difficulty Schlesinger Weil had in getting his guests back to Milwaukee.

Shortly after the railroad came to Schlesingerville, another merchant, Lehman Rosenheimer arrived on the scene. He built in 1856 a large store and also did much grain and cattle buying. His sons continued the “house of Rosenheimer” and a new era in the life of the village developed. Another merchant of some reputation was John Pick who also did a great business in grain and merchandise. However, after Pick’s death, his sons migrated to West Bend.

Along with the economies of community living was nurtured the religious life. In 1862 the Roman Catholics erected their first church. In 1863, the Lutherans built their first house of worship which later burned, and for a time joined the Evangelical Methodists. In 1872 they dissolved their relationship and built another Lutheran church.

An Oddfellows lodge was organized in 1868 and in 1877 a Turnverein began a brief existence.

The village was incorporated in 1869. The first village meeting was held April 6, 1869. The first village officers elected were Moderator, John Klingler; inspectors of election, Herman Perlewitz, John Brosius, clerks, Jacob Oehrling and R. Toll. The first town board was: President, John Pick; Trustees, L. Rosenheimer, John Theil, I. G. Meyer, John Ebbit; Clerk, Jacob Oehrling; Treasurer, William Hasketh; Assessor, John Brosius; Justice of the Peace, John C. Toll; Marshall, Nic Theisen. At this meeting there was raised, for contingent expenses, $40; schools, $50; poor fund, $10.

By 1881 the budget had been increased to allow $350 for schools and $250 for other village expenses.


LEHMAN ROSENHEIMER AN EARLY PIONEER OF WASHINGTON COUNTY:

Lehman Rosenheimer was born in Dormetz, Bavaria, on June 12, 1821. He went to school in that city and there learned the butcher trade.

While he was a young man he wanted to go to America, and in 1840 he went to New York where he lived for two years. In 1842 he moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he had a tavern near the old pier. It was for the German immigrants who were beginning to come to the United States. In 1843 he visited Germany but returned to Wisconsin in 1844.

In 1844 Lehman Rosenheimer married Barbara Herbst of Milwaukee, and they moved to the Town of Addison where he bought a piece of land and began farming. He dealt in cattle and did butchering.
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On September 18, 1855, Lehman Rosenheimer bought 80 acres of land in Schlesingerville for $3,000.00 from Jesse and Marilla Wood at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He wanted part of this land to be used as a private cemetery. In those years, many people buried their dead on their own property. Isaac Maxfield, J. D. Marlin, Jesse Wood, and Marilla Wood were the witnesses to this deed on September 19, 1855.

Lehman and his family lived in Addison until 1856, at which time he sold his farm and moved to Schlesingerville, in the Town of Folk. Here he built a store, small at first, and then enlarging it to trade in cattle, grain, hides, butter, eggs, and other farm products. Mr. Rosenheimer’s store was the center of all the farmers trade. It grew too small for his business so he built a two story building in 1860, and in 1867 added on more.

Besides the store, he had a grain elevator through which they handled 250,000 bushels of grain annually. They had large warehouses for storage of agricultural implements and goods. He also had a large stone stable for convenience of their country customers who came from far distances to sell their goods.

Mr. Rosenheimer had ten sons and two daughters. Three sons died in infancy. Seven sons, John, Max, Joseph, Moritz, Adolph, Moses, Meyer, and two daughters, Barbara and Elizabeth, grew to maturity.

John, Max, and Joseph were merchants at Schlesingerville, and Moritz and Adolph were in the store, malt and grain company and bank in Kewaskum. Meyer became a doctor in Milwaukee.

Here in Schlesingerville, with the help of Lehman Rosenheimer’s sons, he had one of the largest and most successful country trades ever done in the State of Wisconsin by one person. He had accumulated an estate of $150,000.00. This Rosenheimer family had the leading businesses in Schlesingerville and Kewaskum in Washington County and also in Norway, Michigan.

The Rosenheimer Cemetery Association was formed by John, Moritz, Joseph, Adolph, Meyer, Moses, Barbara Stark, Susanna Rosenheimer, and Elizabeth Sperka on October 1, 1899. This association was a corporation. Its purpose was to maintain a family burial place and to contribute to the burial of the dead. The cemetery was located at Schlesingerville, Washington County, on his land near the old Lehman Rosenheimer home.

The corporation was formed without capital stock. Its officers were: president, secretary, and treasurer. They hold office for three years. Members of the association must be over twenty-one years of age. Their first annual meeting was held in Schlesingerville, Wisconsin, on September 21, 1899. It was held on the same day every year thereafter. C. F. Leins, the Register of Deeds, and Theodore Koenings, the Notary Public, were the witnesses of this association on October 1, 1899.

Moses and Lehman, Lehman Rosenheimer’s two sons, were the first ones to be buried in the Rosenheimer cemetery. While Joseph, one of Lehman’s sons, was alive, cemetery meetings were held in his home every year and a meal was served for those attending. Alex, who was Joseph’s son, was the caretaker of this cemetery for many years and did a fine job. Since then others have done the work.

Lehman Rosenheimer was a very honest man, a good judge of men, untiring, and in control of difficult situations. He died in Schlesingerville on September 21, 1878, and left a name to belong remembered in Washington County.
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Baruch Schleisinger Weil was born in Strasbourg, France on June 29, 1802, and settled in Washington county on Nov. 1, 1845. He owned property and erected what was at the time considered a magnificent residence on Section 31 south of Cedar Lake about 1847, and he lived there for a time.

Mr. Weil was the largest purchaser of government land in the county. In December 1845 he purchased in the name of Jules Schleisinger, his son, and Eliza Adelaide, his wife, the following land: Sec. 5—477 acres; Sec. 6—408 acres; Sec. 7—378 acres; Sec. 8—160 acres, and Section 18—527 acres.

On the best portion, in the northwest quarter of the Town of Polk on Sec. 18 he platted the village of Schleisingerville. He built a large store and dwelling on the corner of Main and Franklin streets and started a thriving center of trade. (1845-46)

Through the energy of Mr. Weil, the village soon became the center of trade for a number of adjoining towns. Weil himself kept a full assortment of goods adapted to the wants of the country trade, and he established a market for everything offered for sale.

Other branches of trade and manufacture were started. There were shoemakers, blacksmiths, a wagon-maker, a hotel, a tannery. The tannery was built by George Ippel and Thomas Jenner who did a fair business and established a good local hide business.

Later Weil built a distillery which was run by him and his associates until he left in 1869. Through the exertions and influence of Mr. Weil, the route of the old LaCrosse Railroad (later the Milwaukee & St. Paul Road) was located so as to pass through the village, and the occasion of its completion to Slinger was celebrated with great rejoicing on Aug. 23, 1855. A large party of excursionists came out from Milwaukee, including the president of the railway and other prominent citizens. Salvos of artillery saluted the approach of the train, and the
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