

# HISTORIES OF SELECTED FAMILIES THAT APPEAR IN THE 1880 CENSUS

By: Larry Gundrum

## BAEHRING

Christian and Whilhelmina (Mina) Baehring emigrated to the U.S. in 1874. Their sons included Traugott, Hillmore, and Liebrecht. They owned two pieces of land, the homestead, located at about what is now 216 E. Washington St., and the vineyards located at 211 Kettle Moraine Dr. N.

Traugott, the oldest, died in 1887 at age 34. Listed as a shoemaker, he also was the village treasurer in 1885-1886.

Hillmore, born 1859, worked for William Kortemeyer in the brickyards in Schleisingerville. In 1904 he established his own brickyard next to Kortemeyer's. By 1911 his output of bricks reached the 6 million mark. He also manufactured cement blocks. He built the old Baehring house at the brickyards behind what was the Storck Brewery. It is thought that Hillmore stopped running the brickyard around 1923, ending a long era of brickmaking in Schleisingerville. He passed away in 1929.



RB Baehring Brickyard. After making the bricks they were placed under the roof of this structure until they cooled off and were ready to be shipped.

Hillmore's first wife Wilhelmina (Minnie) passed away in 1899. They had three children. Their youngest son, Adolph, died in 1994 at age 97. Hillmore remarried Hulda Printa and had three more children, Reinhold, Herbert, and Irene. Reinhold died in 1991 at age 90. Herbert "Fat" Baehring went on to become Washington County Sheriff. He died in 1977 at age 71. The third child, Irene, married Louis Zuern who purchased what is now Zuern Building Products in Allenton in 1953.

Christian's next son Liebrecht continued to live on the Baehring homestead. He worked at the brickyards and continued to run the family vineyards selling grapes and making wine. Liebrecht passed away in 1941.



16.2A LS Baehring's vineyard.

Liebrecht's son Robert followed living on the homestead. Robert continued running the vineyards and also raised bees to produce honey. He was killed in an auto accident around 1954. At that time Fred and Marian Burow purchased the property containing the vineyards. Marian continued to keep up the vineyards until she passed away in 1985. Fred Burow continues to live at 211 Kettle Moraine Dr. N.

The old homestead land was purchased from the Baehring estate by Albert Thiel and Arnold Wichert. They developed it into 22 residential lots known as Scenic Heights. This is the area containing Central and Scenic Avenue.

Mardell Blank, daughter of Adolph Baehring, is the last direct descendant of Christian Baehring living in Slinger. She and her husband Robert recently sold the land that was the Baehring Brickyard to the village for expansion of Fireman's Park.

## BEINE

The Beine family ties to Slinger go back to about 1864. Philip Beine Sr. owned a farm on the east side of the village. Philip came from Prussia to New York in 1853. He married Mary in 1856 and became a U.S. citizen in 1863 in New York. Philip and Mary had nine children. Herman died from a disease at age 22. It appears that two sons, Philip A. and Joseph stayed in Schleisingerville and the rest of the family members moved away.

Philip Sr. stayed on the farm located in what is now the Woodside Heights Subdivision until 1896 when he purchased the house at 111 E. Washington St. He was basically retired at that time but he did rent out the upstairs bedrooms and considered himself to be a landlord. He died in 1912 and the



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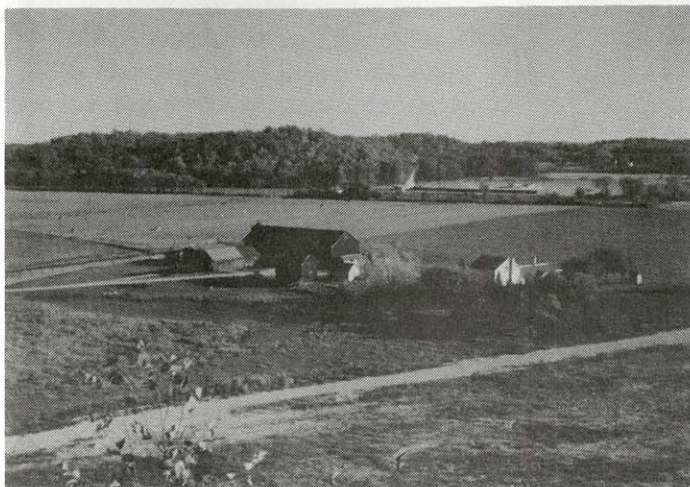
**The Horsch & Miller crew:** Top row (L-R) John Kuepper, Greg Bayer, Pat Mertz, Michael Kuepper, Ralph Kuepper, Ryan Kuepper, Bryan Pitrof, and Steve Schauer. Bottom row (L-R) Steven Spaeth, Jeff Graunke, Bonnie Kuepper, Julie Kuepper, Carol Kuepper, Ken Kainz, and Andy Knoll.



Grim Reaper claimed Mary in 1915. At that point their house was sold to Frank Kachelmeier.

Philip A., born around 1866, left Schleisingerville but returned in 1923 to buy back his dad's old house from Frank Kachelmeier. Philip A. worked as the sexton at St. Peter's. He passed away in 1941.

Joseph was born in 1872. Around 1900 he took over the Slinger Bakery with the help of Frank Kachelmeier, a baker from Milwaukee. This attempt was short lived and Joseph went back to the farm and sold the bakery to Frank.



17.5 DD Beine farm in the 1950's. Slinger's Outdoor Theatre is in the background.

Joseph built a second farm on the land near what is now the Slinger High School. He farmed there until his death in 1936. He and his wife Theresa had eight children, Herman, Hilda, Theodore, Louis, Herbert, Mary, Catherine, and Edmund.

Herman, Joseph's oldest son, purchased the house at 303 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. in 1922. That house had been built by B. Schleisinger Weil for Leon Schleisinger in 1860. Leon owned it until 1868. It was later purchased by Valentine Fischer who used the basement in his undertaking business.

Herman ran the Slinger Dairy from a shed behind the house from 1922 until the business was discontinued in 1942. He married Sarah Tennes in 1923. She died in 1942 at age 40 and Herman passed away in 1964. Herman and Sarah had five children, three of whom live in Slinger today.

Dorothy Doll is married to Norman, a former village president. Dorothy and Norman built the house at 306 Oak St. in 1947 and lived there until 1952. They eventually moved back to live with Herman and purchased the house at 303 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. when Herman passed away in 1964. They still live there today.

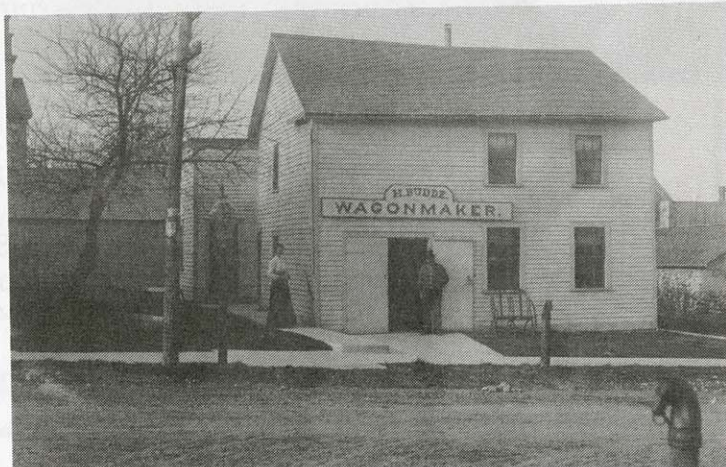
Richard Beine resides at 641 E. Washington Street, a home he built in 1965. His son, Steve, lives in one of Slinger's oldest houses at 335 Kettle Moraine Dr. N.

Earl Beine is retired and lives at 650 Highview Dr. on a lot that was part of the original Beine homestead.

Joseph's son Herbert worked at the Storck Brewery and Slinger Foundry. He married Olive Esser and lived at 112 Buchanan St. They had five daughters including Joan Retzlaff who resides in Slinger, and five sons including James who worked at the Storck Brewery and lives at 412 Kettle Moraine Dr. S., Harold and Robert who live near Slinger and Tom, a Vietnam veteran who resided at home until his death in 1992.

Joseph's son Edmund stayed on the farm until 1983 when he and his sister Mary moved into the Slinger elderly housing apartment. He died in 1985. The farm was sold off in various parcels. The nine lots making up the Beine Subdivision on E. Washington St. between Yankee Hill and Slinger Road were sold prior to 1915. The high school area and fields behind the high school were sold to the Slinger School District around 1963. The areas that are now the Woodside Heights Subdivision and the Village Square shopping center were sold around 1970. The final parcel on which the farm buildings were located was sold to the Slinger Housing Authority for Scenic View Manor with the remainder sold to the school district in 1981.

## BUDDE



7.10 MS Henry Budde and his wife Elizabeth by their home and wagon shop around 1910. This building was torn down in 1939 to make way for Frank Gundrum's house at 105 E. Washington St.

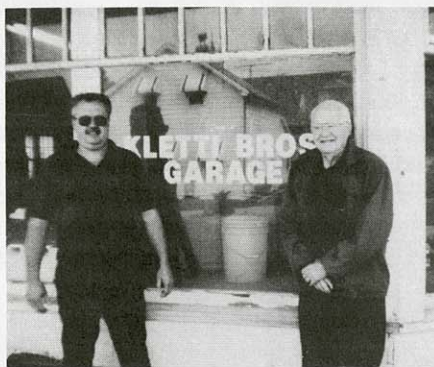
Henry Budde was one of several wagon makers in Schleisingerville. He operated his shop out of the location that is now 105 E. Washington Street.

His son, also named Henry, followed him at this location as a wagon maker. He was also the village marshal from 1903 to at least 1909 and was paid \$160 per year to keep the village street lamps lit in the early 1900's. Young Henry also picked up the mail at the train station and delivered it to the post office. He did this for about 30 years. The slow pace at which he moved often irritated the local towns folk since they were anxious to get their mail. They encouraged him to move along a little faster. Eventually they tagged him with the nick-name "Get -a-long" Budde.

## HORSCH

Elizabeth Horsch lived on a farm at the corner of Kettle Moraine Dr. N. and Hwy. AA. Her husband is thought to be William. William passed away between 1875-1880, about the same time as they came to Slinger. They owned farm land that stretched from Hwy. AA down to the house now located at 214 Kettle Moraine Dr. N. and over to what is now the ski hill land. They also owned farm land that has subsequently been developed into Slinger Speedway and Speedway Court.





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The oldest son Philip worked on the farm but we don't know what became of him. Louis, the next oldest, took over the farm by 1900. He and his wife Anna had four sons, William, Fred, Albert and Edwin.

William worked for the Kissel Kar Company and later moved to Milwaukee. His son W. "Pat" Horsch, who volunteers his time for several village committees, now resides at 512 Highview Dr.

Fred delivered oil in Slinger and retired in 1957. Fred resided at 214 Kettle Moraine Dr. N. His great grandson Edward Arntz now resides in this house.

Edwin teamed with Roland Miller to start the Horsch & Miller Plumbing and Heating firm around 1932. They started the business working out of Ed's garage by the house at 355 Kettle Moraine Dr. N. Ed retired from the business in 1963. His son Ed Jr. still resides in Slinger at the trailer court.

Albert "Ollie" stayed on the farm and was a long-time employee of the village. Bill Johnson and Roland Heder bought farm land from Ollie and started the Slinger Speedway in the late 1940's. When Ollie passed away around 1980 the original Horsch house was torn down. The barn still stands today and is used by Little Switzerland Ski Hill for storage.

## KLETTI

Fred "Fritz" Kletti's parents emigrated to Washington County from Baden in 1853. Fritz was born in December 1855. He came to Schleisingerville in October of 1874 and worked for 2-1/2 years in John Thiel's Blacksmith Shop. In 1877 he started his own blacksmith shop. With the help of his sons, Fred born 1880 and Ed born 1883, the business expanded into wagon making and livery and in 1901 Fritz built a horse drawn hearse that is still in the family. Fritz was the Slinger Fire Department chief from 1894-1897.



12.13A RRK Picture of the Kletti Blacksmith Shop as of 1896, Slinger's oldest continuous business, and the original house that was torn down in 1905.

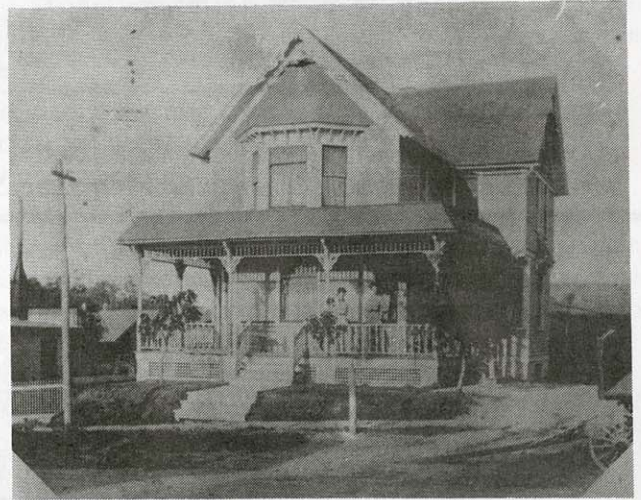
The Kletti's started an Oldsmobile Agency in 1914. It was one of the oldest in the state when it was discontinued in 1988.

In 1904 the Kletti's built a new house at 108 E. Washington St. In 1905 son Ed was lighting a gas light in the basement when an explosion occurred that leveled the house. Ed was blown onto the driveway. Fritz, who was planting trees in the front yard, was blown onto the street. Luckily there were no

serious injuries and the house was rebuilt in the same design within the next year.



10.3 NK Ed & Fred Kletti inside blacksmith shop.



3.16A TR Kletti's new house.



3.17A TR Kletti house after the explosion.



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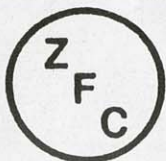
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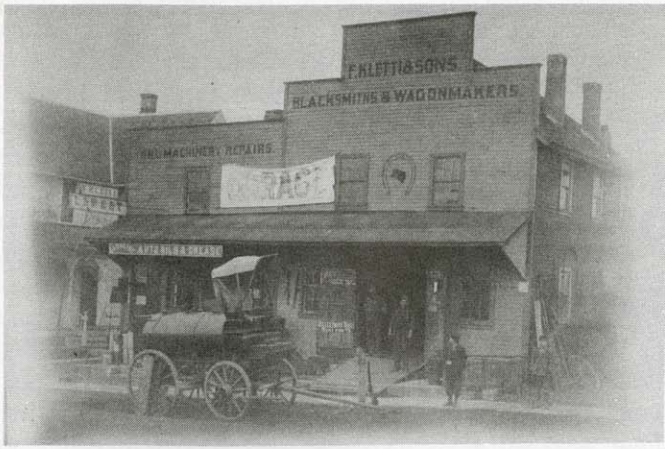
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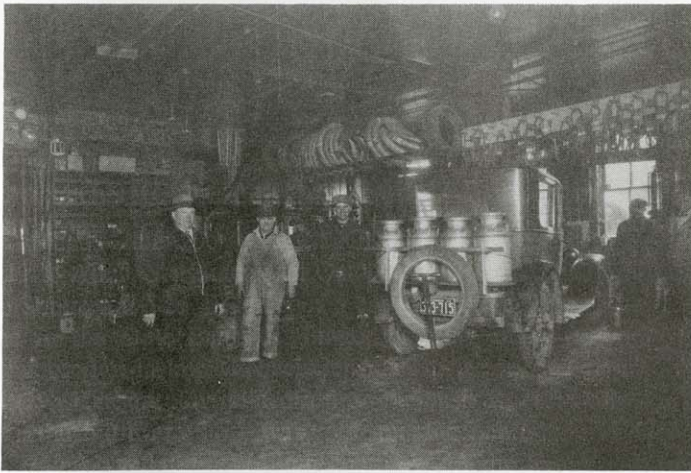
Started in 1974 - owned and operated by Gary & Debra Zurn. Building was the Slinger theater and then was a dairy bar.





10.31 NK The Bartels and Shephard Oil Company, Wholesale Oil Products Distributer was based in Waukesha, but also had an office in Schleisingerville. Here one of their oil wagons makes a delivery to Kletti's in the early 1900's.

Fritz retired in 1921 and Fred and Ed formed a partnership called the Kletti Bros. Garage. In 1928 they purchased the Rosche Foundry that was next to their garage and tore it down to expand the business. In 1934 they added a service building that was torn down around 1990 to expand St. Peter's parking lot. Fritz died in 1939.



10.2 NK Fred, Ed and Norman Kletti inside Kletti's Garage in the late 1930's.

Fred built the house at 109 W. Washington St. He passed away in 1954. Ed continued to live in the house at 108 E. Washington St. next to the garage. He married Elsa Wadewitz in 1920. Ed sold the business to Fred's son Norman in 1955. Norman ran the business until 1973 when he sold it to his son Ron. In 1982 Norman had the original Slinger Fire pumper restored and it is held at the fire station. Norman is a lifelong Slinger resident and long time Slinger Advancement Association member. He and his wife Helen have resided at 211 E. Washington St. since 1937.

At this time Ron Kletti is living in the house next to the station and is running Slinger's oldest family held business.

John Kletti, Fritz's brother, was born in January 1855. He acquired the Kletti Saw Mill in 1882 and ran it until 1922 when he sold it to Frank Ganns who operated it until 1950. The saw mill was located behind what is now Joe's Barber Shop at 113 Kettle Moraine Dr. S.



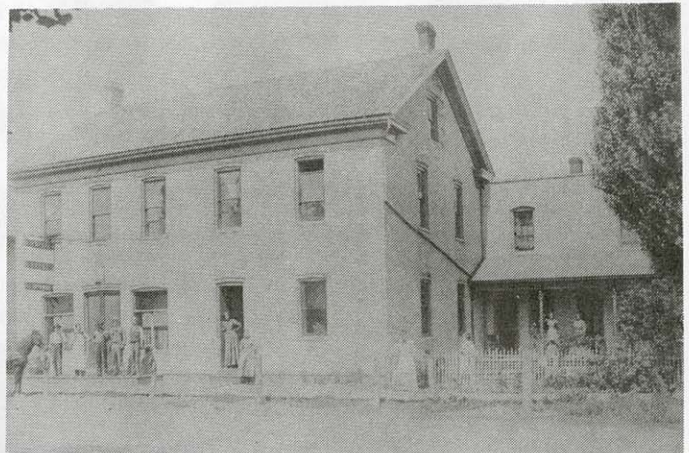
3.19A NK Ed and Norman Kletti acquired Slinger's first fire wagon pumper. They had it restored and it is now kept at the Slinger Fire Department.

Dr. Alvin Kletti, brother to Fred and Ed Kletti, was born in Slinger in 1885. He graduated from veterinary school in 1908 and immediately started his practice in Slinger.

In 1918 he had an architect design a Frank Lloyd Wright type house at 304 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. Dr. Kletti continued his practice at this location until he retired in 1961.

## MENGER

John G. Menger was born in Saxony in 1816, the son of George & Eva Menger. He emigrated to Schleisingerville (at that time the Town of Polk) in 1847 and purchased 160 acres of land and started a farm on what later became the southwest side of the village.



11.28A LG John Kippenhan leased the Central Hotel in 1897. He ran it until he built his "New Commercial House" across the street in 1906.

John Kippenhan is second from left with the apron. Third from left is Valentine Fischer. John's wife Matilda (Tolzman) is standing at the corner of the building in the open gate of the picket fence. Dorothy Brandenburg is John and Matilda's daughter.

In 1866 John started the hotel/saloon and meat market known as the "Farmer's Heimath" (later called the Central Hotel and subsequently Kohl's Bowling Alleys). In 1869 John started one of Schleisingerville's most important industries, brick manufacturing. He was president of the village and had six





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children, two of whom died in infancy. His oldest surviving daughter, Elizabeth, married Traugott Baehring. His son, George, took over the hotel in 1876 and the brick yard by 1880.

George Menger married Elizabeth Kletti in 1874. Under his management the Schleisingerville Brick Yard produced between 600,000 to 700,000 bricks annually. Many of the oldest homes in Slinger were built with bricks manufactured from this yard. George also served many years on the village board as a trustee.

George and Elizabeth had three children. Albert and Otto managed the hotel in 1909 before leaving Schleisingerville. Daughter Helena died at age 11.

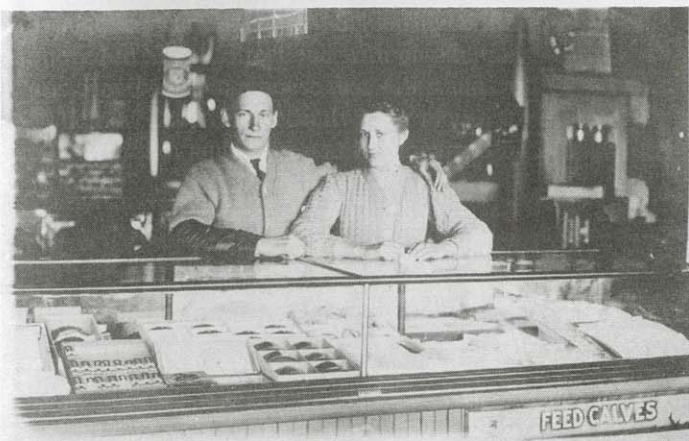
George passed away in 1885 at the age of 39 and Elizabeth remarried Charles Kaiser in 1888. Their oldest daughter, Nora Kaiser, married Joseph Theisen and they ran the hotel until 1914 when Joe drowned in a boating accident at Little Cedar Lake. Elizabeth maintained the ownership of the hotel until Joseph Theisen's death. She then sold it to Edward Kohl.

William Kortemeyer, who had worked for the Mengers since at least 1870, took over the brick yard and Henry Menger, George's brother, took over the farm.

## MERTEN

Peter Merten was married to Elizabeth Rosenheimer (Lehman's sister) around 1865. In 1869 he purchased the lot at 111 Buchanan St. from Baruch Schleisinger Weil and built a house. Peter was Lehman Rosenheimer's right-hand man. When Lehman passed away in 1878, Peter was appointed guardian for Lehman's son Moses, age 9, and daughter Elizabeth, age 6.

Peter and Elizabeth's son Joseph, who was born in 1866, was listed as a machinery agent in the 1900 census and as a general store clerk in the 1910 census. Joseph and his wife Anna continued to live in the house at 111 Buchanan Street. They had three children, Lizzie, Marie and Peter. Lizzie became a Catholic nun.



RF Adolph and Marie Fries inside the L. Rosenheimer Store where Marie worked as a clerk.

Marie "Mamie" was born in 1892. She worked as a clerk in the L. Rosenheimer Store and later married Adolph Fries. For a period of time Adolph ran the hotel and saloon at the corner of E. Washington and Kettle Moraine Dr. N. Adolph

died in an oil truck accident in 1918. Marie continued to live in the original Merten house until around 1923 when she remarried Edward Mueller. Marie and Edward had one child, Mary Ann Goetz, who is a long-time Slinger resident. After her marriage, Marie rented out the old homestead until her son Richard purchased it from her in August 1951. Richard Fries and his wife Florence continue to occupy the house at 111 Buchanan Street, a house whose age equals that of the village.



8.35 RF Adolph Fries temporarily took over running "The Washington House" after his father Charles died around 1907.

Peter was born in 1897 and married Clara Schaefer (daughter of John) in 1921. Shortly thereafter he tore down an old shed and built a new garage at 105 Buchanan Street. He operated his auto repair business under the name of Pete's Repair Shop. He built the house at 206 Oak Street in 1931. Peter and Clara had two children, Joseph and Lorraine. Lorraine worked for over 30 years in Milwaukee before moving back to Slinger in June 1979, a month after Peter passed away. Clara died in 1986. Joe continues to run the garage under the name of Pete's Repair Shop. It is one of Slinger's oldest family-run businesses spanning over 70 years. Joe and Lorraine continue to live in the house at 206 Oak Street.

## RAUH

George Rauh, Sr. came to America from Bavaria in 1850. He was married to Catharine and purchased the Rauh homestead land from the U.S. government in 1852. The Rauh farm is in the southwestern portion of the village. George and Catharine had six children.

The oldest child, Alice, married Fred Nehm and lived at Cedar Lake. Their children included Irma, who married Albert C. Thiel (see Thiel family history), Leona, who married Dr. A. J. Kletti (see Kletti family history), and Erwin Nehm who lived in Slinger.

George Jr. (born 1877) continued to run the family farm after his father passed away in 1905. His children included Malinda who married Lawrence Heder in 1921. They lived at 133 Kettle Moraine Dr. N. in Slinger. Malinda's daughter Lorraine married Art Krenn and lives at 131 Kettle Moraine Dr. N. Malinda passed away in 1991.

George Jr.'s sons Erwin A. Rauh, born in 1899, and Herbert, born in 1910, started the Cedar Grove Dairy and delivered milk in the Slinger area from 1931 to 1947. Herbert



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17.27 ER The George Rauh Jr. Family. Left to right, seated: George Jr., Herbert and Emily. Standing: Erwin A., Leona Sell and Malinda Heder.

Erwin A. Rauh's daughter Ruth married Lester Kratz of Ackerville. They ran the Sportsman Inn at the main intersection in Slinger from 1954 to 1960 before moving to Cedarburg.

Son Erwin H. Rauh was born in 1935. He lives at 231 Hwy. 60 in Slinger. He married Mardell Engeleiter in 1959. Erwin H. started Capitol Fabricating in 1968 building water treatment equipment. He ran this company for 11 years.

Erwin H. and Mardell have four children. Linda lives in Slinger. Lisa married and moved to Newburg. Kristine is at home. Jeff owns five acres which include the original house and farm buildings that have been in the Rauh family since 1852. A portion of the old farm is being sold in lots. The subdivision on Slinger's south side is referred to as the Rauh Homestead and contains many large upscale homes.

## ROSCHE

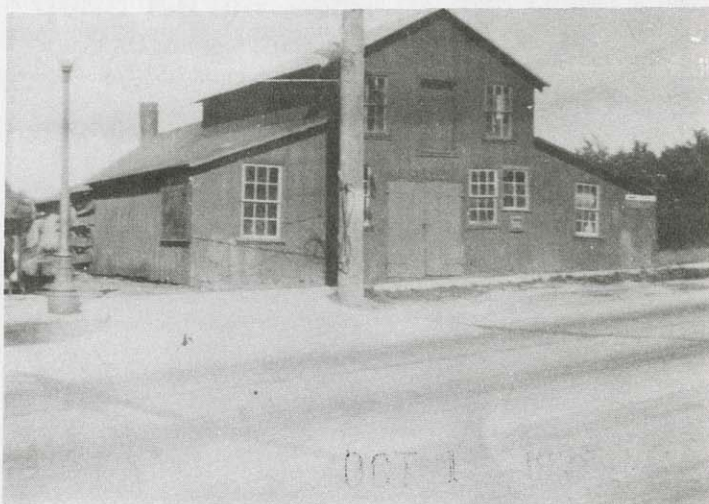
Christopher Rosche was born in Prussia in 1822. He came to Milwaukee in 1842 and worked at City Foundry for five years before buying it. In 1867 he came to Schleisingerville and bought a vacant shop next to what would later become Kletti's Blacksmith Shop. He lived across the street at 113 E. Washington St.

Christopher served several years on the village board. Chris passed away in 1884. He had ten children, several of whom died at a young age. The oldest son, Frederick "Fritz," was born in 1845. He served in the Civil War and was involved in eight battles in 1864. He took over the foundry and ran it for many years. He served as village clerk from 1883-1886. Fritz's wife Amelia was a long time dressmaker. They had four children.

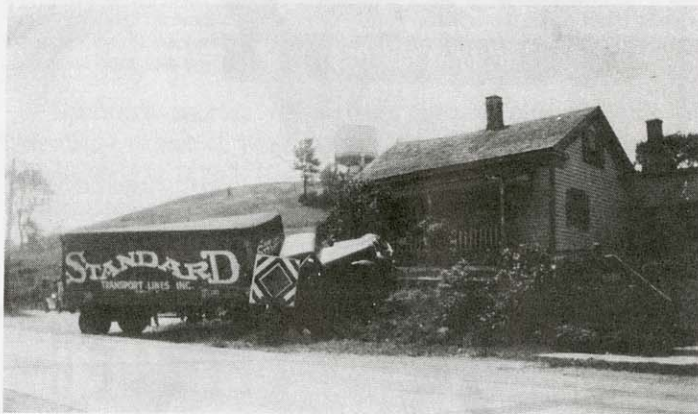
John Rosche, born in 1862, was another of Christopher's sons. By 1907 he took over running the Rosche Foundry. John ran the foundry until it closed. The property was purchased by Kletti's in 1928 and the building was torn down.

Charles and William Rosche were also sons of Christopher. Charles died in 1873. He had served four years in the U.S. Infantry. William is known to have been the village marshal in

1891. He had a barber shop in Slinger before moving to Milwaukee.



10.16 TAR Rosche Foundry 10-1-1928. Shortly before it was torn down.



10.19 TAR The driver of this Standard Transport truck nearly crashed into the Rosche house in August of 1939.

Edwin Rosche was the son of Frederick. He was a painter in Slinger and lived above the State Bank. His son Richard started working for the State Bank of Slinger in 1931. He was a long time vice president at the bank and became bank president shortly before his retirement in 1976. He was instrumental in the bank moving from it's site at the main intersection to it's present location at 300 E. Washington St.

Richard's wife Aurelia ran the Slinger Beauty Shop at 125 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. from 1938 to 1963. In 1957 Richard and Aurelia tore down the old Rosche house at 113 E. Washington St. and built a modern new home. Richard passed away in 1993.

Richard and Aurelia had one son, Thomas. Tom and his wife Linda live at 218 Lawndale Ave. in Slinger with their son Tommy.

## ROSENHEIMER

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moved to Milwaukee and became a partner with John Schlicht in a tavern in Milwaukee that catered to German immigrants.

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In 1843 Lehman traveled back to Bavaria but then returned to Milwaukee. Shortly after his return he became deathly ill with a case of typhoid fever. He was nursed back to health by a maid, Barbara Herbst. Barbara was also a native of Bavaria.

Despite a difference in their religions, Lehman being Jewish and Barbara being Lutheran, they married in 1844. After several run-ins with some apparently hot-headed Irish bar patrons, Barbara was able to persuade Lehman to sell his interest in the tavern and buy land in the Town of Addison where Barbara's family resided. Lehman was one of the early settlers in that township.

While living in Addison, Lehman branched out into the cattle and grain business. He is said to have been gone from home for days at a time. Barbara was often anxious and afraid in the wilderness with wild animals and Indians close at hand. According to her son, many a time her heart almost ceased beating when she saw Indians coming out of the swamp. She was helpless and alone. Fortunately, they were friendly and only came to ask for food or to barter deer meat for coffee.

It was in 1855, after learning of the railroad coming to Schleisingerville, that Lehman decided to make his move. He purchased 80 acres of land and a small tavern from Jessie Woods. There he commenced his trade merchandising cattle, grain, hides, butter, eggs, and all other possible farm products. The farmers soon made Rosenheimer's Store the center for all their trade. He quickly outgrew his modest store and in 1860 he constructed a two-story 38 x 50 foot building. In 1867 he doubled the building's size to 38 x 100 and carried on one of the most successful country trades ever done by a single individual. (Lehman's large store is now owned by Jerry & Rita Puls and is the site of Tom's Bar and Grill.) At about this time Lehman built a large two-story house to accommodate his expanding family. The house still stands at 206 W. Washington Street.



14.11 RS The front of the L. Rosenheimer Store around 1910.

Lehman acquired a significant amount of real estate in the Schleisingerville area (see 1892 plat map). He also expanded into several other businesses including the farm implement business (now the site of Strupp Implement), the brewery business (later to be the Storck Brewery), the lumber yard

business (subsequently taken over by Goetz and Dhein), banking, and the grain elevator trade (later to be Zwald's Mill). Along with these Schleisingerville businesses, Lehman started many significant businesses in Kewaskum.



11.34A MO One of Schleisingerville's primary industries in the late 1800's was brick manufacturing. This picture shows Rosenheimer's Brick Yard, present site of the "Brick Pond." The old graveyard is in the right background. It was moved for high school construction. The Storck Brewery is in the mid-right background. Rosenheimer's Brick Yard was said to produce 25,000 bricks per day as of 1886. This yard ceased production around the early 1920's.

Lehman's success in business earned him the title of "Merchant Prince of Washington County." He passed away on September 21, 1878. His estate was settled in 1888 and was valued at over \$162,000.

Prior to his death Lehman also established a family cemetery. His two sons, Lehman Jr. and Moses, were the first to be buried in this cemetery. This cemetery is believed to be one of only a few private cemeteries in the State of Wisconsin. Upon his passing, the family had a pure granite monument shipped in four pieces by railroad car from Maine at a cost of \$400. This granite was considered to be the best available in the U.S. at that time.

The Rosenheimer family to this day meets on the Sunday nearest September 21 each year to honor the memory of Lehman Rosenheimer.



14.20 RO The Lehman Rosenheimer family around 1876. Left to right, back row: Joseph, Adolph, Barbara, Max, Moritz, John. Front row: Moses, Lehman, Barbara, Elizabeth, Meyer.



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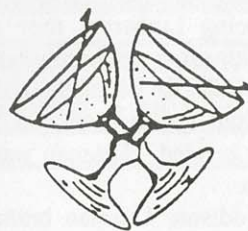
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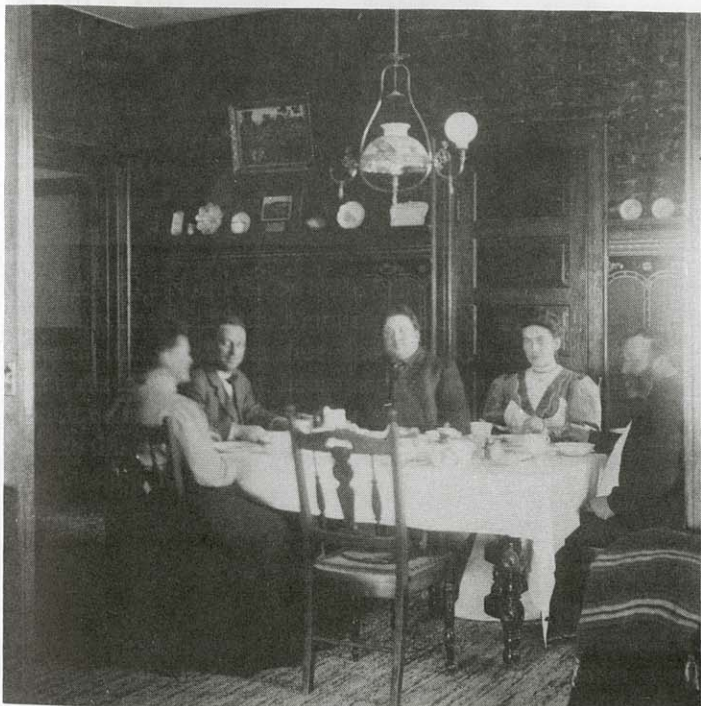
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Lehman and Barbara had eleven children, in order being: John, Moritz, Max, Barbara, Lehman, Joseph, Adolph, Moses, Meyer, Moses and Elizabeth. Lehman Jr. died at age 1 and the first Moses in 1869 at age 6.

John, Moritz, Joseph and Adolph continued in partnership to run the L. Rosenheimer firm until 1894 when the firm was split. John and Joseph basically took control of the Schleisingerville portion of the business while Moritz and Adolph took over the Kewaskum side of L. Rosenheimer along with several properties outside of the Washington County area.

John Rosenheimer Sr. (B. 1848 D. 1923) married Mary McNeil of Ackerville. Prior to his father's death he was made an equal partner with Lehman in the farm machinery business and was put in charge of his father's estate which he managed until it was finally settled in 1888, ten years after Lehman's death. He owned and conducted the Schleisingerville Brewery. In 1878 he was first elected village president, an office he held off and on for 19 years, longer than any other village president. In 1877 he was appointed postmaster of the Schleisingerville Post Office, an office he held until 1915. John operated Rosenheimer's Brick Yard from at least 1888 until his death. He had his own farm implement business at 108 W. Washington St. until 1919 when the property was sold to Gundrum Bros. Meat Market. John also had a large farm with a barn located at what is now 207 W. Washington St. In addition, John built what is now known as the Oaklief Building, long time home of the State Bank of Slinger, in 1905. He sold that building in 1913 and constructed and resided in the building at 109 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. which now houses Spectators Bar.



8.4 DB. Inside the State Bank of Slinger building which John Rosenheimer built in 1905. John made his residence in this building. Here is the dining room. Food was prepared in the basement and brought up with a dumbwaiter. Shown in the picture from left: Mary Ellen Rosenheimer (John's wife), John Rosenheimer Jr., Meyer Rosenheimer, Marie Rosenheimer Monroe and John Rosenheimer Sr.

In 1893 John purchased the Cedar Lake Park Hotel. This large business is covered in the entertainment section of the

book. John's children included Barbara, John Jr., and Meyer. Barbara married Dr. Joseph E. Reichert who was Slinger's doctor from around 1890 to 1910. John Jr. and Meyer followed their dad as proprietors of the Cedar Lake Park Hotel. John Jr. built the house at 211 W. Washington St. and later built the house at 223 Kettle Moraine Dr. N. and stayed there until his death in 1960.

Max Rosenheimer (B. 1852 D. 1887) followed his father as manager of the grain buying and shipping department of the house of Rosenheimer. Max was a well-liked salesman who spent most of his time on the road dealing with farmers. He died at the age of 34 of typhoid fever.

Meyer Rosenheimer (B. 1863 D. \_\_\_\_ ) was the village doctor until around 1892. He spent most of his career in Milwaukee. While in Slinger, he resided in the large house located at 308 Kettle Mor. Dr. S. where Dr. Reichert, Dr. Kauth (and temporarily Dr. Prefontaine) maintained their offices.

Moses Rosenheimer (B. 1869 D. 1950) was named after his brother who died February 5, 1869, at the age of 6. Moses built and resided in the house at 208 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. He worked for the Armour Grain Company and later the Fuller Goodman Lumber Company.

Barbara Rosenheimer (B. 1855 D. 1940) was married on February 21, 1874, to Adam Stark who was a clerk in the L. Rosenheimer Store. They moved to Hartford in 1879 and opened a store called "Stark and Liever." Adam died in 1888 at the age of 36 and Barbara helped run the store after he passed away. Barbara and Adam had five children, and she remained in Hartford until her death in 1940.

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Rosenheimer (B. 1872 D. 1937) married Paul Sperka who was a long time bookkeeper for the Rosenheimer family and was listed as the lumber company manager in the 1910 census. They built and resided in the house at 206 Kettle Moraine Dr. S.

Joseph Rosenheimer (B. 1859 D. 1939) continued in his father's mercantile business that was run out of the large store (now Tom's Bar & Grill). He also ran the farm implement business (which was later sold to William Langenecker in 1915 and subsequently to Sylvester Strupp in 1947 and is currently run by his son, Gilbert Strupp). Joe started the Slinger Manufacturing Co. in 1919. This company manufactured wooden toys out of Joe's store until 1922. At its peak, it had ten employees and received orders from as far away as New York and Virginia. Joe also owned the Rosenheimer Lumber Yard (later Goetz and Dhein) and the Grain Elevator. He also sold real estate and insurance.

Joe married Sarah McNeil of Ackerville in 1880. They resided in the house that his father, Lehman, built around 1860. It was a large house containing six bedrooms. The house still stands and is located at 206 W. Washington St. near the Rosenheimer Store.

Joe's only surviving son was Alex (B. 1883 D. 1944). Alex ran Rosenheimer's Mill from 1916 until 1938 when he formed a partnership with Oscar Zwald. Alex sold his interest in the mill to Oscar in 1942. Alex continued dealing with farmers until his car was struck by an oil truck during a snowstorm and he was killed on March 26, 1944.

Alex married Helen Mohr in 1909. They had two children, Josephine (Ott), who now resides in West Bend, and Richard.

Richard (B. 1916) served in the U. S. Army during WWII. He played in Slinger's famous Skipper Leone and Her Deck



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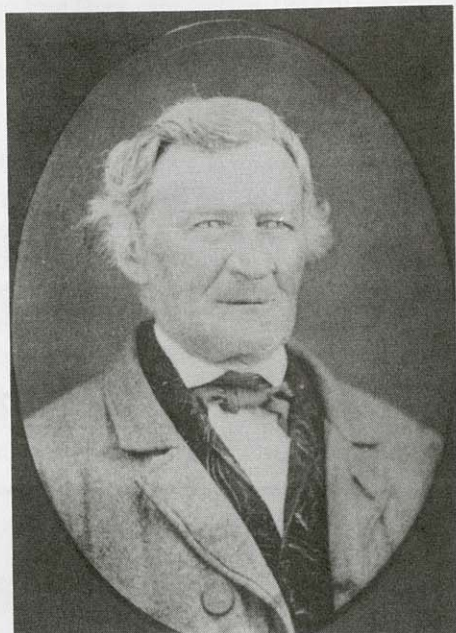
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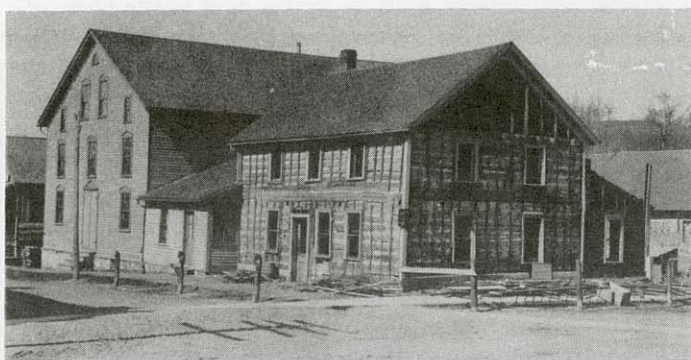
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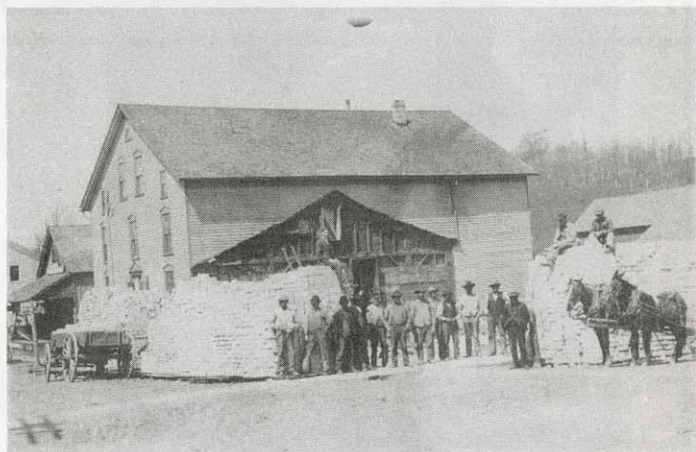
4.24A LRR George Frederick Roth



3.10A NM George Ippel built these buildings located in Slinger's main intersection around 1857. In 1864 George Roth purchased the property. (See Roth family history). The building housing the tavern and saloon was razed and rebuilt in 1910. The dance hall still stands today. In the old days horses were kept under the dance hall. The old stone barn also held visitors' horses.



4.29A LRR The initial stages of tearing down Roth's Old Farmer's Home in 1910.



4.28A LRR Bricks from Schleisingerville's brickyards piled up ready to construct the new Roth tavern and hotel in 1910.



4.30A LRR Charles Roth's New Farmer's Home in 1910 after construction was completed.

George Frederick Roth was born in Bavaria in 1808. He came to the U.S. in the 1840's, lived in Germantown and worked as a brewer. In 1864 he sold his brewery and purchased a hotel and saloon in Schleisingerville. This establishment, known as the Farmers Home, became the center of most important social events in the village. George passed away in 1883 and his wife Barbara took over the business and ran it until she remarried in 1885. George and Barbara had one son, Charles.





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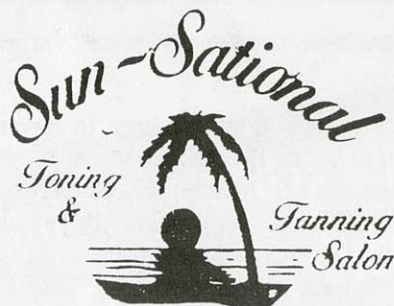
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Charles married Margaret Peil in 1883 and they resided a short time in the house at 311 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. in Slinger before moving into the living quarters at the business. Charles Roth was active in civic affairs, serving both as village president in 1901-1902 and treasurer in 1903. Charles tore down the old tavern structure and rebuilt it in 1910. This rebuilt structure still stands today (Slinger House). Charles ran the family business which included a hall used for both dances and basketball, a meat market, the hotel and saloon until he passed away in 1916. At that time Margaret, with the help of her two sons, Fred and Oscar (Kelly) continued the tradition of the Roth Hotel.

Fred worked at Kletti's and the Standard Machinery Company along with helping run the family business. He was a WWI veteran and belonged to several local organizations including the Fire Dept. He died in 1934 at the age of 45.

Oscar (Kelly) married Dorothy Herbst and took over the family business around 1935. He was active in Slinger sports, particularly the powerful men's basketball teams that played at Roth's Hall. He passed away at the age of 54 in 1951, ending a period of 87 years of Roth's running this landmark business. After Oscar's death, Dorothy continued to run the business until she remarried in 1957. She sold the business shortly thereafter to the Harder's.

Charles F. Roth's other children included Edwin, Charles J., Elsie, Olga and Norma. Edwin worked in Hartford and eventually opened his own clothing store in that city.

Charles J. Roth, who worked as a cashier at the State Bank of Slinger, died in 1923 at the age of 37. Charles married Anna Theisen and they had four children, none of whom stayed in Slinger.



1.2A LRR Wedding picture of Charles "Carl" J. Roth and Anna Theisen in 1915. Top row: Hilda Scharfenberg, Nora Schaefer, Elsie Fisher, Myrtle Theisen, Edwin Theisen, Edwin Roth, Norma Roth, Julia Roth, Carl Roth, Fred Roth, Anna Theisen Roth, Ella Theisen Stuesser, Oscar Roth, Ray Peil, Mollie Theisen, Helena Peil, Father Bruecker, Albert Theisen, Frank and Elsie Hurtgen. Middle row: Charles F. Roth, Margaret Roth, Amelia Theisen, Mary Brenckle, Mrs. Scharfenberg, Peter Theisen. Bottom row: Florence Hurtgen, Lyda Roth, Mae Theisen.

Elsie was the oldest daughter. She married Frank Hurtgen, long time dentist in Slinger from 1908 to 1950. They lived at 129 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. at what was called Hurtgen's Corner. They had one child, Florence (Mrs. Ray Peil). Elsie died in 1971 at age 84.

Olga was born in 1893 and died of an illness at the age of 11.

Norma, the youngest daughter, was born January 5, 1895. Upon graduating from grade school Norma was given a choice.

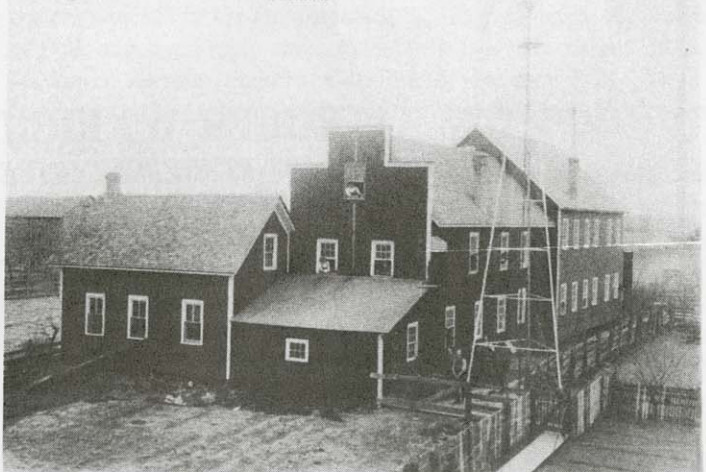
She could attend high school or study music. She decided to study music and via train she attended Downer College in Milwaukee. Norma played in dance orchestras and gave music lessons. She married Oscar Zwald in 1923. They traveled, with Oscar doing construction work, for about ten years before returning to Slinger. Oscar ran Zwald's Mill until shortly before his death in 1973. Norma still resides in Slinger at 107 Polk Street with her daughter Margaret.



1.6A LRR Oscar Zwald and Norma Roth wedding in 1923. Oscar was partner with Alex Rosenheimer before taking over what was Rosenheimer's Mill in 1942. He ran Zwald's Mill for 30 years before passing away in 1973. Norma still resides in Slinger and will celebrate her 100th birthday on January 5, 1995.

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3.2A JS Schaefer Organ Factory, current site of Nippos Coatings, 310 Oak Street. In those days Oak Street was considered to be little more than a back alley. This picture shows the front of the building with the sidewalk leading out to Kettle Moraine Drive South.

Bernhard Schaefer emigrated to the United States from Bavaria in 1873 at the age of 27. He was a clockmaker by



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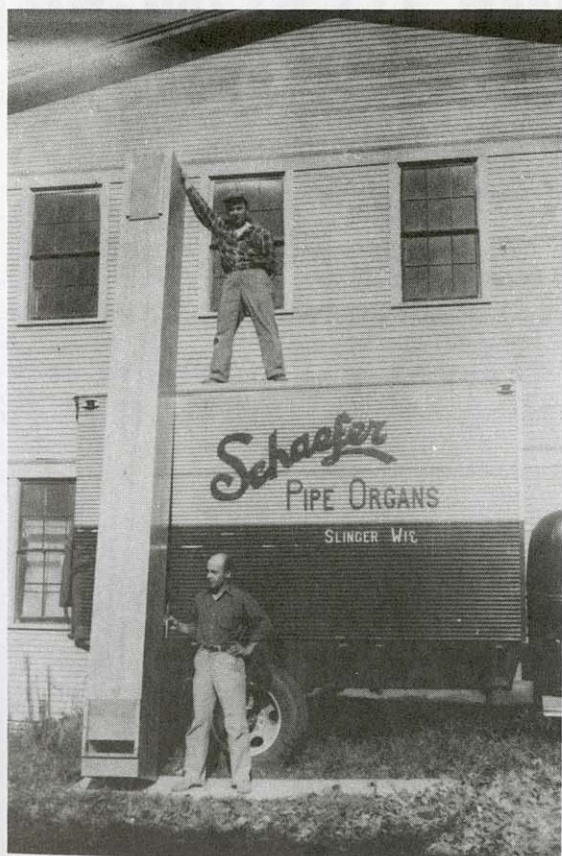


trade. In 1875 Bernhard built his first organ for St. Peter's Church in Schleisingerville and thus started the B. SCHAEFER ORGAN COMPANY.

Bernhard and his wife Mary had 15 children. His eldest son John joined him in the organ making business. Other family members also helped out at times in Bernhard's business pursuits which at times included the manufacture of cigars, sulfur matches and pearl buttons along with clock making.

In 1913 the name of the primary business was changed to the B. SCHAEFER & SONS ORGAN COMPANY. John and his twin brothers Theodore and Joseph A. Schaefer who were born in 1887 also joined the business. In 1918 John died at the age of 52. Bernhard suffered a stroke in 1914 from which he never fully recovered. He passed away in 1920. After Bernhard's death the business was incorporated under the name of the Schaefer Organ Company. Joseph A. subsequently bought out Ted's interests around 1926 and Ted moved to Milwaukee. Alois and Oscar Schaefer, sons of John, also worked in the organ business in the 1920's, leaving during the depression years.

Joseph A. Schaefer had experience as manager of the local Washington County Telephone Company and had an early Buick dealership before going into the organ business in 1914. His three sons all became active in management of the organ business. Joseph A. became a telegraph operator at the local Milwaukee Road depot during WWII and remained there until he retired in 1959. He continued as president and owner of the organ company until his death in 1965. At that time Joseph's three sons continued the operation of the business.



9.11 BS The largest and smallest pipes built by the Schaefer Organ Company, held by Joseph G. Schaefer, top, and Albert J. Schaefer, bottom.

Albert and Joseph G. left the business shortly after their father's death. Bernhard continued to run the Schaefer Organ Company until 1982 when the building was sold to Niphos Coatings and the corporation was disbanded, over 100 years after its founding.

The Schaefer family members occupied many of the houses near the organ factory.

Bernhard Schaefer's residence was at 305 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. Barbara Heilmann, who lost her parents as a child and came to this country with the Schaefer family, married Valentine Fischer in 1875. They resided in the house next door at 303 Kettle Moraine Dr. S.

Joseph A. Schaefer resided at what once was the "Odd Fellows" hall at 309 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. and later at various times in the houses at 307 and 309 Oak Street.

Albert built the house and resided at 208 Lawndale Avenue where his son Jay now resides.

Joseph G. Schaefer built and lived in the houses at 5077 Hwy. 60 E. and 217 W. Washington St. He also was the original owner of the Cedar Lake Motel on Hwy. 41.

Alois & Cecilia Schaefer had the house at 121 Storck Street. This structure was Schleisingerville's original depot. When the new depot was constructed this original depot was moved to the end of Storck Street and formed the main portion of the house.

Oscar Schaefer owned the old Odd Fellows Lodge building located at 309 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. from at least 1950 through 1973.

John Schaefer resided in the house at 311-313 Kettle Moraine Dr. S.

Bernard J. Schaefer built the house at 110 Hwy. 60 W. in 1957 and still resides there with his wife Rose and son Bernard G. and daughter Judith.

## SCHUCK

John Schuck was two years old when he was brought to America by his father Daniel in 1848. He grew up in the Town of Polk and apparently came to Schleisingerville around 1870. He ran a harness maker's shop out of the house at 104 E. Washington St. John passed away in 1895 and his son George took over the harness making business.

John's third son Peter worked in a store in Ackerville for his Uncle George at the age of 14. He later worked 11 years in the retail business in Hartford before starting his store in Schleisingerville in partnership with William Frey in 1901. Schuck & Frey leased the building at the corner of E. Washington and Kettle Moraine Dr. S. from Joseph Rosenheimer. Peter Schuck bought out Frey two years later and purchased the building in 1907. He ran the store until his retirement in 1946.

During this period of time Peter was also one of the organizers of the State Bank of Slinger of which he served as president for 24 years. He was also president of the Standard Machinery Company, treasurer of the Vim Tractor Company and also served on the Slinger Fire Dept. Fred Firme married Peter's sister Matilda; he helped in the store and they lived in the former Schuck house across the street. Matilda is listed as a





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dressmaker in the 1910 Schleisingerville census. Peter married Emma Gensmann in 1901. They had two sons, Harry and Daniel.



1.31A LRR Peter Schuck family: Peter, Emma and sons Harry and Daniel.

Daniel Schuck was a high school teacher in Menomonee Falls.

Harry Schuck, born in 1904, received his Doctor of Law degree from UW-Madison in 1929. He was a lawyer in Slinger from 1936 to 1942 and again from 1946-48. He also was a professor at UW-Madison from 1936-1973. Harry was a Major in the U.S. Army, the president of the Village of Slinger in 1936 and 1937, and president of the State Bank of Slinger from 1962-1976 and Chairman of the Board from 1976-1983. Harry passed away in 1985.



3.5A JS The inside of Peter Schuck's store. Peter is behind the seated man. He has his hand on his hip. This is thought to be B. Schleisinger Weil's original store and now houses the Gundrum Insurance Agency.



5.3 MS Peter Schuck's store shortly after the addition and stuccoing of the exterior, around 1920.

## SCHUMACHER

Ferdinand Schumacher was one of Schleisingerville's oldest residents. He emigrated to the U.S. in 1848 and came to Schleisingerville in 1851. He ran his shoemaking shop out of his home. The building still stands today and is located at 202 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. It is one of Slinger's oldest houses.



7.28 RK Kettle Moraine Drive South in 1910. Ferdinand Schumacher building is on the left side in front of St. Paul's Church.

Ferdinand's daughter, Julia, married H. Charles Storck in 1896 and remained in Slinger until her death in 1940. Ferdinand's second daughter, Elizabeth, married Edward Storck in 1894. She passed away in 1948. His third daughter, Lena, married Edward Kimmerling, the original owner of the Linden Inn in 1907. She died in 1935.

Ferdinand himself died in 1897. His wife, Margaret (Gensman) was claimed by the angel of death in 1907.

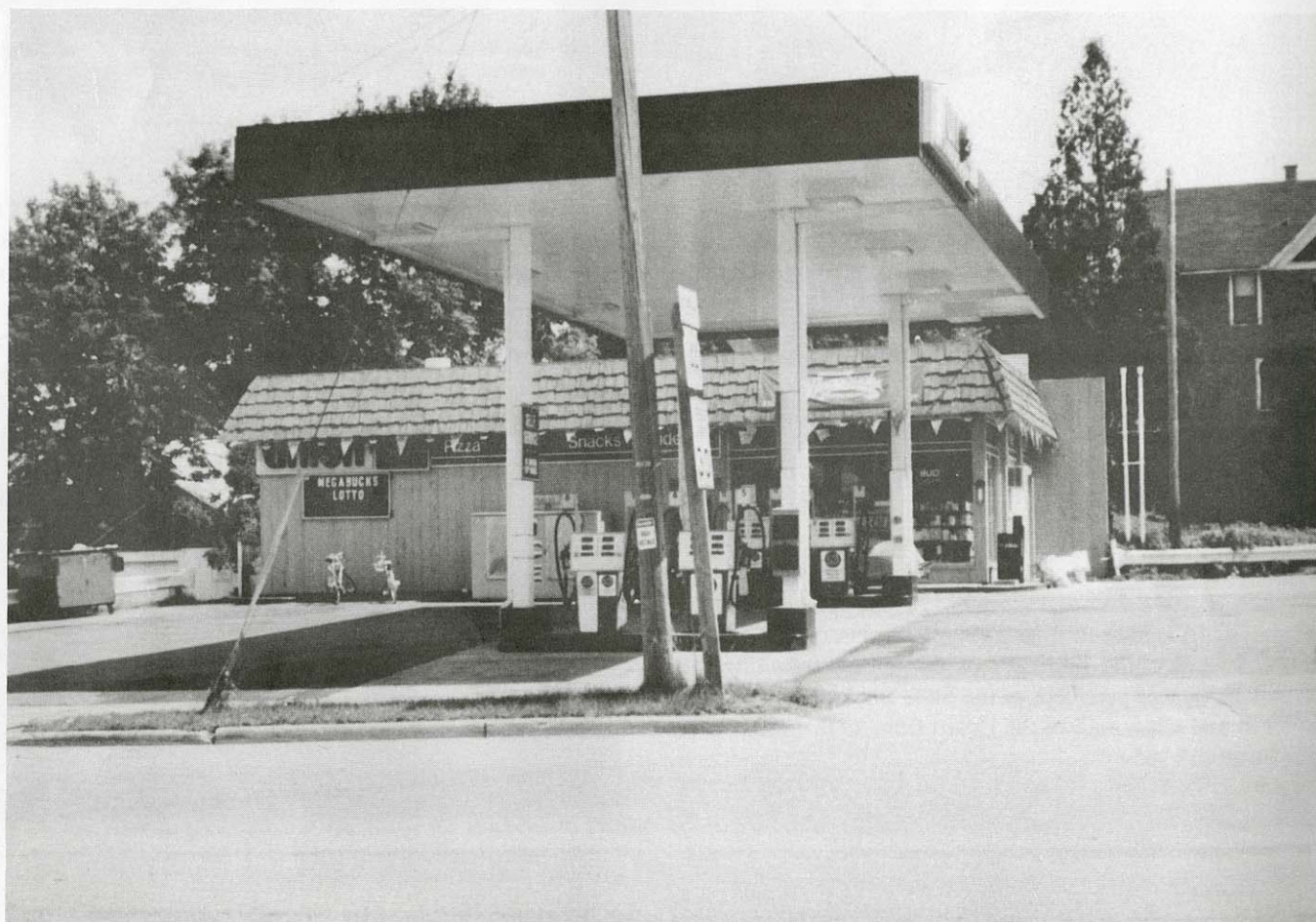
## STORCK

The Storck family has extensive ties to Slinger dating back to 1877 when H. Charles Storck and William Hartig purchased the Schleisingerville Brewery from the Lehman Rosenheimer family. Storck bought out Hartig a few years later. H. Charles Storck received his training in Milwaukee working at the Blatz Brewery. He and his first wife, Henrietta, had eleven children.



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She died in 1893 and in 1896 H. Charles married Julia Schumacher (daughter of Ferdinand, the shoe maker) and had two more children, a son who died at age 2-1/2 and a daughter Margaret who married Walter Enderle. H. Charles and family lived in a house behind the brewery.



1.7A LRR Herman Charles Storck, original founder of the Storck Brewery. Died 1903.



17.8 MS The Storck Brewery prior to 1910. Note the Storck family home located behind the brewery. This house is thought to have been razed in 1910.

In 1882 H. Charles Storck's brother, Edward, came to the U.S. He also worked in the Storck Brewery. Edward married Elizabeth Schumacher (sister of Julia) in 1884. Edward and Elizabeth had seven children including Ludwig and Albert (Roxy). Edward purchased the house at 516 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. in 1892. He died in 1926 and Elizabeth passed away in 1948. Ludwig, and later Albert, lived in this house; and it is now occupied by Elaine Walker, granddaughter of Albert Storck.

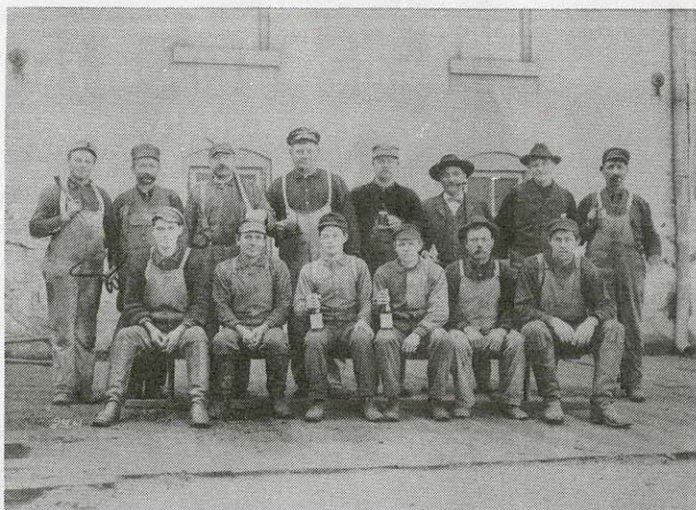
Upon the death of H. Charles Storck the brewery was taken over by his sons. Henry N. Storck became the president,

William Storck the vice president, Charles D. Storck the secretary and August Storck the treasurer.



5.6 JS Charles D. Storck and children in front of his new house at 117 Storck Street around 1905.

Charles D. Storck, born 1875, was one of the organizers of the State Bank of Schleisingerville and served as it's first president. In 1921 he sold his interest in the Storck Brewery and moved to Ripon to operate a brewery for three years. Charles then operated a brewery in Monroe where he stayed until his death in 1939. While in Slinger, he built and resided in the house at 117 Storck Street.



11.22A EW Storck Brewery employees as of 1902. Left to right, front row: Charley Storck, Ferdinand Mergenthaler, Peter Kohl, Walter Storck, Charles Kaiser, Phillip Margraf. Back Row: August Storck, Jake Grosch, Albert Thom, William Storck, Henry Storck, \_\_\_\_Roeths, Charles Storck, John Buch.

August Storck, born 1882, was one of the promoters of the Washington County Telephone Company. He was chief of the Slinger Fire Dept. from 1906 to 1914. August also served as village president from 1913 to 1918 and from 1920 to 1922. In 1907 he built and resided in the large house at 109 Storck Street.

William Storck, born 1876, was listed as a pipe fitter in the 1900 census. He was vice president of the Storck Brewery from 1904 up to the time of his death. He also served as village president from 1906 to 1911. William built and resided in the



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house at 111 Storck Street. He passed away in 1918 at the age of 41.

Oscar Storck, born 1897, was listed as manager of the Storck Products Company after prohibition in the 1930's.

Henry N. Storck, born 1874, was the oldest child of H. Charles Storck. Henry served as president of the Storck family business from 1904 until it was sold in 1946 to outside investors. In 1910 Henry tore down his father's old house behind the brewery and built a large residence at 306 Elm Street. Henry's oldest son, Raymond, was born in 1900 in the Storck home adjacent to the brewery. Ray lived his entire life in Slinger. He served as brewmaster from the time prohibition was ended in 1933 until the business was sold, and he continued on as General Manager until 1952. Ray also served 25 years as Washington County Supervisor. Ray lived at 527 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. He passed away in 1966.

At the time of the plant closing, the Storck plant averaged about 12,000 barrels of beer per year. About 85% of the production was bottled at the plant.

Henry G. Storck, son of Henry N., also worked at the Storck Brewery. He lived at 106 Water Street. Henry was a WWII veteran; he never married. Henry died in December 1993. He was the last to carry on the Storck name in Slinger.

## THEISEN

Nicholas Theisen, born 1825, came to Schleisingsville from Bavaria in 1857. He was the only tailor in the village and was the first to be named Marshal when the village was incorporated in 1869. He held the position of Village Marshal until 1890 when he stepped down at age 64. He tied the election and recommended a "draw cut" to break the tie and lost. He had his tailor shop on the corner of Kettle Moraine Dr. S. and Buchanan St. on the site of what is now the VFW/Jim's Place. He passed away in 1896.



17.11 EW Joe Theisen inside the Central Hotel around 1913.

Nicholas's son Joseph married Nora Kaiser and managed the Central Hotel in Slinger for Nora's mother, Elizabeth Kletti Menger Kaiser. Joseph drowned in 1914 and as a result the Kaiser family sold the hotel/saloon.

Nicholas's son Peter was a section foreman for the railroad. He had seven children, one of which was Myrtle Theisen. Myrtle worked for several years as assistant cashier with the State Bank of Slinger.

Myrtle Theisen took over the operation of Kenneth Ries's (formerly Peter Schuck's) store around 1950 and operated Theisen's IGA Store, Slinger's primary grocery store until 1968 when she sold the store to Elmer Ritenour who operated as Poppa's Foods. Myrtle married Lionel Bull, well-known local business man, in 1941. He passed away in 1968 and Myrtle in 1988.

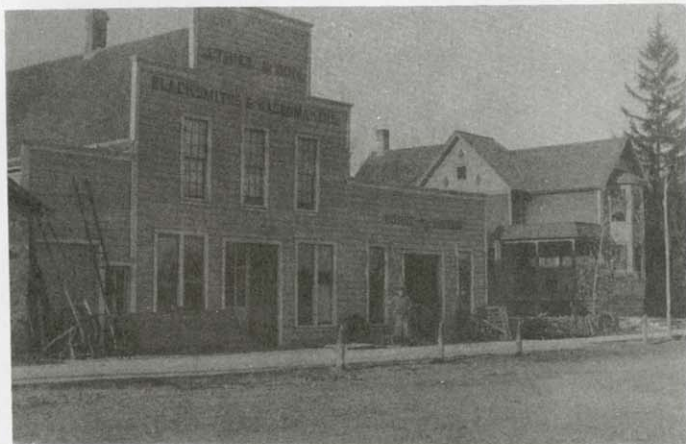


12.4A EW The Peter Theisen family, left to right, standing: Ella (Stuesser), Edwin, Mae, Anna (Roth) (Gundrum), Harold, Albert and Myrtle (Bull). Seated is Amelia.

Peter's oldest daughter Anna married Charles J. Roth who was the cashier at the State Bank of Slinger. He died at age 37 and in 1939 Anna remarried Joseph T. Gundrum of the Gundrum Meat Market whose first wife had also passed away.

## THIEL

John Thiel emigrated to the U.S. from Saxony in 1854. He established a blacksmith shop in Milwaukee and married Bertha Perlewitz in 1858. In 1862 they purchased the blacksmith shop and house at 115-117 Kettle Moraine Dr. N. He was a trustee when Schleisingsville was first incorporated in 1869 and also served as village clerk. He operated the blacksmith and wagon making business until his retirement in 1895. John also sold insurance, served as Justice of the Peace, and was instrumental in establishing Union Cemetery. He had eleven children and passed away in 1921.



1.27A LRR The John Thiel Blacksmith Shop was constructed in 1895. This picture was taken around 1911.





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So, for all of Slinger's existence, my family has lived and operated businesses in this area. At the turn of the century, my great grandfather, Andrew, was president of the West Bend Brewing Company, which produced famous Lithia and Old Timers Beer -- county favorites. His son, Carl (my grandfather for who I am named) founded Pick Manufacturing Company, a maker of wagon boxes used on many Slinger farms and auto parts used by many area residents. My parents, Robert and Lois Pick, live on Big Cedar Lake today. My wife, Barbara, and I also reside in the school district and operate GENROCO only a few hundred yards from where Johannes Pick tended his store.

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7.6 TR Inside Thiel's Blacksmith Shop. Left to right, Albert C. Thiel, Albert H. Thiel, Herman Uber and Frank Mueller.

John formed a partnership in the blacksmith and wagon making business with sons Albert H. and August. They built a new blacksmith shop at 111 Kettle Moraine Dr. N. (now Bergmann's Appliance) in 1895. August left the business to start his own shop in Minnesota in 1900.

Albert H. Thiel married Caroline Gensman in 1887. They had five children. Albert H. ran the blacksmith shop until 1922 when he sold it to Peter Breuer, ending 60 years of blacksmith service by the Thiel family. He served as village treasurer and a Fire Dept. member. Albert lived at the Thiel homestead until his death in 1947.

Albert H. Thiel's oldest son, Albert C. Thiel, also worked in the blacksmith shop. He later purchased the Square Deal Garage with his brother-in-law, John Feutz (married to Carrie Thiel) in 1919. Albert also was involved in the Slinger Lumber Co. and the Reliance Foundry before purchasing what was to become Thiel's Mill from Alfred Witthauer in 1925. This mill was originally the Farmers Grain and Elevator Company. Between 1912-1918 the Farmers Supply Company added a mill. The mill was leased to the Armour Grain Company before being purchased by Albert Thiel.

Albert was a long time member of the Slinger School Board. He served in the artillery division of the Army in WWI and helped organize the Slinger VFW post. Albert married Irma Nehm in 1919. He built the house at 601 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. in 1938 and stayed there until his death in 1958. Albert C. operated Thiel's Mill until 1950. At that time his son Frederic took over operation of the mill. Prior to that in 1948 Fred built the house at 225 Kettle Moraine Dr. N. where he lived until 1979.

Fred served as village president from 1959 to 1965. He ran Thiel's Mill until 1982 when his son Douglas took over.

Fred, Doug and Peter Loosen continue to run Ferret Laboratories on Storck St. as equal partners. Ferret Lab. was started in 1959 by Harry Luck in Mapleton, WI. It was moved to Slinger in 1973 and was acquired from Harry Luck's estate in 1980.

Doug ran the mill until it closed in 1990 after 65 years of operation by the Thiel family. Doug continues to live in Slinger at 601 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. in the house his grandfather built.

The Thiel family members have been actively involved with the Slinger Fire Dept. over the years, including John Feutz who was the chief from 1931 to 1947.



12.8A LG John Thiel's residence and blacksmith shop. The house in the middle right was built by John Linsner in 1856 and the property was developed into a blacksmith business. This picture was taken in 1862 when John Thiel purchased the property. The blacksmith shop is in the near left. Back left is the wagon making shop. This is the oldest known picture of Schleisingsville.



12.9A LG This picture of the John Thiel house is thought to have been taken in 1902. The second floor of the middle addition to the house was added in 1887. It is not known when the front porch was added. John Thiel is pictured with his wife Bertha.



12.11A LG The final addition to the John Thiel house was made in 1910. This house remained in the Thiel family until 1979. It is now a three-family apartment located at 115-117 Kettle Moraine Dr. N. and is the home of your humble author.



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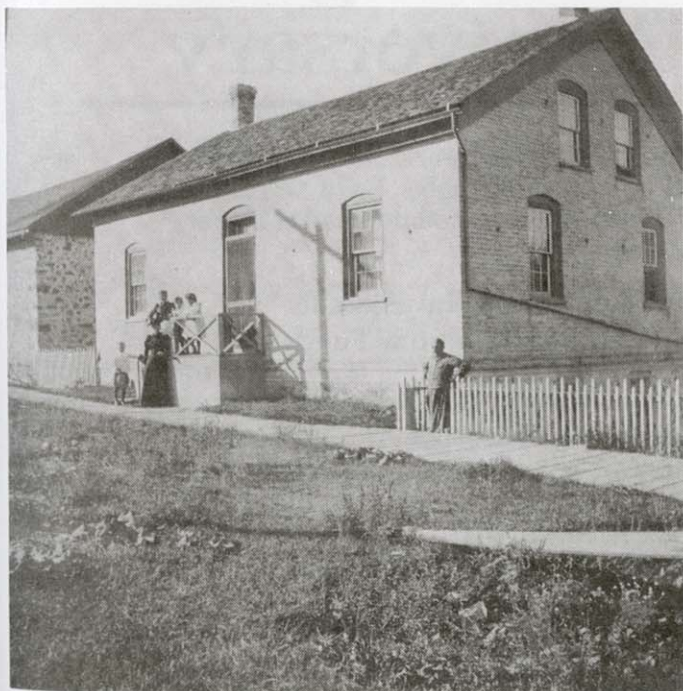




4.18 EY Thiel's Mill.

## WILD/LEVERANCE

In 1848 George Wild Sr., age 21, a German immigrant, married Maria Weier, who also was born in Germany and came to this country with her parents at the age of 18 in 1847. They settled in Schleisingerville and built a house on the present 111 W. Washington St. site. Being a blacksmith, George practiced his trade in a shop next to his home, and Peter followed his father in the blacksmith trade. George and Maria were the parents of six children, two of whom stayed in the village; namely, George Jr. and Elizabeth (better known as Lilly). George Sr. died in 1879 and Maria died on November 9, 1914, at the age of 85.



17.19 MJR The old Wild-Leverance house located at the site of what is now 111 W. Washington St.

George Jr., born March 31, 1866, started his training at age 14 in Rosenheimer's General Store. After his marriage to Lillie

Bies in 1899, he started a furniture business on Franklin St. (now Kettle Moraine Dr. S.) in the building presently occupied by Phillip Funeral Home. They had one daughter, Margaret, born in 1903, who married Ray Koch. Ray and Margaret had no children. Ray joined George Jr. in the furniture business and continued after the death of George in December 1933 until the business was sold to Jack Rothenbach in 1941. Margaret died in 1947.



17.20 MJR Lilly Wild Leverance

Lilly Wild, born March 7, 1856, was raised in Schleisingerville. She left home as a young lady to work in Milwaukee where she met and married Charles Leverance in 1889. They had three children--Alfred, born February 18, 1891; Olive, born September 1, 1892; and Emil, born December 21, 1893. Sometime during 1893, Lilly returned to Schleisingerville with her children to live with her mother, Maria. The three Leverance children grew up in Schleisingerville. Lilly continued to live in Slinger in the house her father built, until her death on November 1, 1944.

Emil worked at various places in Slinger, including the Washington County Telephone Company, Peter Schuck's General Store, and Kippenhan's Hotel, prior to 1918 when he was inducted in the Army in World War I. He married Barbara Strupp on May 16, 1918. After his discharge in 1919, they lived in Milwaukee where Emil worked for Harley Davidson until 1922 when they returned to Slinger. They had two children, Mary Jane and Maurice, both of whom still live in Slinger. Barbara died August 31, 1958, and Emil died February 23, 1986.

Olive left home during WWI to work in Milwaukee. There she met Bruno Surgill, whom she married on May 5, 1922. They had no children. Olive continued to live in Milwaukee until 1967 when she returned to Slinger and lived in an apartment in the present Gundrum Office building (formerly Schuck's Store) until her death on September 19, 1983.



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Alfred never left Slinger. Before 1922 he worked at various jobs--as a printer in the Meister Print Shop, a clerk in the Wild store, and as a Post Office clerk. He also served as Slinger Village Treasurer from 1942 to 1969 and as Secretary of St. Peter's Church from 1947 until 1965. On May 4, 1920, he married Marie Strupp (Barbara's sister). They had no children. Marie died on March 6, 1964, and Alfred died on July 29, 1972.

In 1922, Emil entered into a partnership with his brother, Alfred, and started the Slinger Hardware Company. In addition to the hardware business, they also did plumbing and heating as well as tinsmith work. The store was located on Franklin St. (present address 121 Kettle Moraine Dr. S.). The brothers remained in business for 14 years, liquidating in 1936.

After discontinuing the hardware business, Alfred went to work for Carbon Engineering Company, retiring in 1956, and Emil went to work for Evinrude Motors, retiring in 1958.

Maurice, son of Emil, was born on August 28, 1925. After serving in the Navy in WWII, he married Jeanette Frank on July 24, 1948, and lived in Milwaukee until 1951 when he returned to Slinger. They built a home at 224 Park Avenue where they still reside. They have two sons, Michael (1950) and Thomas (1953). From 1946 until 1963 Maurice worked as a printer in Milwaukee. In September 1963 he became a Slinger rural carrier and continued until his retirement on September 1, 1985.

Mary Jane, daughter of Emil, was born June 26, 1920. She married Harland Rhode on June 21, 1941, and lived in Milwaukee until 1948. In 1945 they purchased the Wild

homestead site at 111 W. Washington St., razed the old house and, in 1948, built a new home in which they still live. They had four children, Stephen (1945), Barbara Schuelke (1947), David (1949), and John (1963). From 1938 until 1954, Mary Jane worked in the office at Schuster's in Milwaukee, and from 1960 until her retirement on June 30, 1985, as Executive Secretary at the Slinger Foundry Co. (now Slinger Manufacturing Company). Mary Jane is a 4th generation descendent and the Rhode children are 5th generation descendents of George Wild, Sr. to live on this homestead site in Slinger.

## ZIHLSDORF

August Zihlsdorf was born in 1837 and emigrated to the U.S. at age 19. He served in the Civil War and left the service in 1865. He had two brothers that were killed in the Civil War. August came to Schleisingerville in 1876. He ran the general store at the main intersection for his father-in-law, John G. Keidel, and later purchased the property from him in 1885. He also purchased most of the block of land including from what is now Spectator's Bar at 109 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. to Buchanan St. He ran a grain elevator out of that location.

August owned the store until he passed away in 1900. His wife sold the store to Joseph Rosenheimer who leased it and later sold it to Peter Schuck. August Zihlsdorf was village treasurer from 1881-1884.



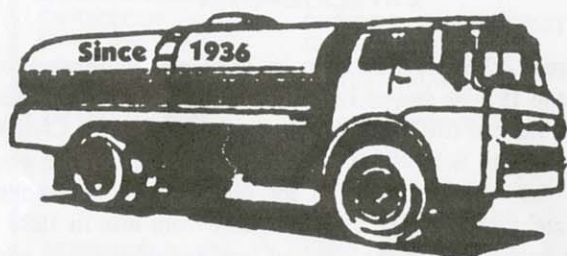
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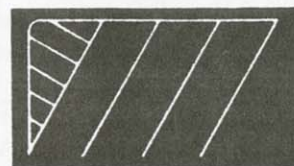


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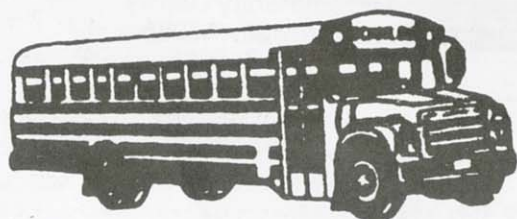


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