This map was substantially reduced in size to try to get the entire village limits on the picture. Note the tributary of the Rubicon River that runs through the village.

Also note that the village was laid out based upon the trails that were in existence. This is not a typical North-South, East-West layout. This often causes confusion when someone asks whether a building is on the north or south side of a street.

The map on the next page is the exact same 1892 PLAT MAP. It has been expanded to get a better view of the main portion of the village. The outer edges have been lost. Refer to the "Development of Slinger" article to see when the various parts of the village were developed.
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Once again the map on this page has been reduced to try to get a view including the entire village limits. Note the railroad side track leading to "Yankee Hill." A good portion of the hill was taken away by the railroad and used for fill. Also note a second side track leading to Joseph Rosenheimer's Lumber Yard.

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The following page is also the same 1915 PLAT MAP which was expanded to get a better view of the central portion of the village.
Celebrating its 50th Anniversary in business in 1994, the Slinger Manufacturing Company is the leading producer of cast iron cylinder liners used in small to medium sized engines and compressors in the United States. Cylinder liners or "sleeves" are used in aluminum block engines to provide durability and wear resistance in the combustion area of the engines. The sleeve forms the "heart" of the engine. Slinger makes the sleeves used in Harley Davidson Motorcycles, Briggs & Stratton engines, Johnson, Evinrude and Mercury outboard motors, as well as Tecumseh and Kohler engines.

The company was started in 1944 by Maurice O. Holtan when he purchased 9 acres of land and a vacant foundry building in Slinger. M.O. Holtan equipped the building and the business started as a grey iron foundry. Joined by his brother, William J. Holtan, the Slinger Foundry Company (as it was then called) began to specialize in the production of grey iron cylinder liners in the late 1940's.

In order to better serve its expanding cylinder liner customers, the company started a machine shop in the mid 1950's to machine the cylinder liner castings. As the business grew, the company felt the need to build a second foundry facility. In 1957 a foundry was built in Sparta, Wisconsin to supplement the production in Slinger.

Throughout the 1960's and the 1970's Slinger Manufacturing Company made technological advances in the design and manufacturing of cylinder liners. It patented the "Ribondex" liner which provided an excellent iron/aluminum bond in diecast engine blocks. In the 1970's John J. Holtan oversaw the significant changes that were required in manufacturing to comply with the new air pollution standards that resulted from the Clean Air Act. In 1974 a new office and machining facility were built on Hilldale Road in Slinger.

In the early 1980's the company decided to close its foundry in Slinger and produce all of its castings in Sparta. The foundry building in Slinger was converted to a machining facility supplementing the existing machine shop and corporate offices in Slinger. Throughout the 1980's the manufacturing equipment was upgraded to improve productivity and quality. In addition to cylinder liner products the company began to diversify into other grey iron casting products as well.

The 1990's have shown steady growth in demand for the products made by Slinger Manufacturing. The company has responded by increasing its production capacity both at Slinger and Sparta. Managed by Daniel and Steven Holtan, the family ownership of the company continues.
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