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DEDICATION

Hopefully you can appreciate the fact that our knowledge of Slinger's past is not comprehensive. We undoubtedly left out many individuals who are worthy of mention in a book of this type.

We made numerous requests for old pictures and we basically went with what became available. Much time was spent researching old newspapers but information on Slinger was sparse. No individual or family was intentionally left out of this book.

With Slinger's current population explosion we hope this gives the new people in town a feel for what our village was like in the "old days." One person was heard to remark that he lived near Slinger for several years without knowing many of the people. Then his daughter married a boy from Slinger and suddenly he was related to half the town. We hope this book helps the new members of the community gain an understanding of our past.

The "old timers" have had a great deal to do with the development of our village. Hopefully those of us who follow will do equally as well.

While it's nice to be remembered in a book of this sort, it is far more important that we act in a way that will benefit the entire community.

This book is dedicated to the individuals who were worthy of mention, but whoes names do not appear. It is also dedicated to the individuals who donate their time through volunteer efforts to make Slinger "a better place to be."

Larry Gundrum

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We would sincerely like to thank our advertisers. Without their support we would never have been able to publish this book.

We made an attempt to contact every local business to ask for their help. In working on this book, it was our intent to concentrate on Slinger's distant past. Since books of this type are usually "keepsakes", it became evident that the articles tell people of the distant future little about what Slinger was like in 1994. As a result, we asked our advertisers to place a history of their business into their respective advertisements. We hoped the ads would blend in with the rest of the book.

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In the course of putting this book together, we searched for as many old pictures of Slinger as we could find. While gathering these pictures, we had negatives made, that is, we took pictures of the pictures. We did this with as many of the pictures as possible. Shawn Graff of GRAFF AND ASSOCIATES of Slinger donated the services of his associate, Dan Smith, to perform this task.

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Jerry Gundrum started the agency in 1953 when he was appointed district manager for Fidelity Life Association selling life and health insurance. Three years later he purchased the John Kippenhan Casualty Agency and started selling property and casualty insurance. By 1959 he purchased part of the L. J. Bull Insurance Agency and eight years later he purchased the remainder of that agency.

In 1973 John Gundrum joined the agency as the business continued to grow as Slinger's only full time insurance agency.

Five years later another son, Larry, joined the agency. Larry had worked 3 1/2 years at the Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. CPA firm in Milwaukee before moving back to Slinger.

In 1981 Jerry sold the agency to his two sons, John and Larry. They have operated as a partnership since that date.

Jerry, John and Larry have all been active in local non-profit organizations. Jerry has been a member of the Slinger Advancement Association since it was first formed in 1949. He is a past president. Jerry was also a charter officer and past president of the Slinger Rotary helping organize the club in 1965. He has also been a member of the Slinger VFW Post since 1945 and has served as a Post Commander. In addition, Jerry has served on Slinger's Park Board for over 25 years and donates much time to help maintain the parks. Jerry was also co-chairman of the Slinger Centennial Committee in 1969.

John Gundrum is a long time member of the Slinger Advancement Association. He has run the village-wide rummage sale for the past several years and has helped with many United Way campaigns in Slinger. John is currently the chairman of the parade committee for Slinger's 125th Celebration.

Larry Gundrum joined the Slinger Advancement Association upon his return to Slinger. He served many years as an officer and twice as president. Larry is currently in charge of the 125th committee putting this book together and also is chairman of the 125th Celebration at the Community Park.

Jerry, John and Larry all reside in Slinger and wish to congratulate Slinger on a great first 125 years.

HISTORY OF SLINGER GOES BACK NEARLY 100 YEARS

HARTFORD TIMES-PRESS, Thur., Feb. 7, 1957

B. Schleisinger Weil, credited by many as the founder of Slinger, was a big man in more ways than one. Within this huge Frenchman's frame burned an ambition so strong, that it carried him from the Lower Rhine in France, across an ocean and thousands of miles of unexplored wilderness in search of an empire.

The ashes of a thousand camp fires dotted his back trail and recorded his passing, and he pushed his wagon train westward across the land of the Iroquois and into the land of the Winnebago in 1845. It was late Indian summer of that year, that this zealous Frenchman and his small caravan came plodding down the old Winnebago trail, to halt with a jangle of trace chains, at the junction of what is now Highways 175 and 144.

No street lights or neon signs illuminated the darkness then. Only a few dim trails that the great forest soon swallowed and the flickering, feeble glow of a few Indian camp fires met his gaze. It is doubtful if those dancing flames of the red man out there in the forest brought any feeling of assurance to this tired little group of travelers. Over the miles they had heard many stories of the redskins' savagery and cunning, so no doubt they said their prayers with their shotguns cocked that first night.

Friendly Indians

The Winnebagos, however, were a friendly tribe and the black night passed uneventful into a grey October dawn. Just as the misty morning light spread over the frosty forest, B. Schleisinger Weil climbed the highest hill in the area (the Owls Nest) and standing among the oaks, whose leaves were turning from yellow to deep red, decided that this beautiful Kettle Moraine Valley was to be the journey's end.

With winter fast approaching, there was little time to be lost, so the party started construction of a log house on the site of the present Slinger State Bank. This was the first house ever built in Slinger. That first winter remains for the most part unrecorded, but the hardships were many as stocks of food and supplies dwindled away.

Out in the forest where the red man lived, they found a good supply of wild game. Quail, turkey and white tailed deer roamed through the area in large numbers in that far off day, and no doubt the hills rocked under the shotgun's ugly crash as the settlers searched for food. Upon a night the lonesome wail of the timber wolf would drift down from some barren ridge. From some distant points in the forest would come the answering cries, and through the night the hills echoed back the song of the "chase."

Second House Built

In the summer of 1846 the second house was built in Slinger on the present site of Theisen's I.G.A. Store. It was Slinger's first store and all the lumber was brought from Milwaukee via ox-team.

Pioneer Weil had planned well and located accurately on sections 17 and 18, surveyed some years before by two Statesmen by the names of Brink and Burk. Under his name they became the sections on which the village of Schleisingerville came into being. It was in 1846 that B. Schleisinger Weil purchased this strip of land, three miles long and one mile wide, from the United States Government. This is now the original tract of the village of Slinger.

From 1845 to 1859 Mr. Weil contributed much to the growth of his empire. During this period a tannery, a hotel, a shoemaker, blacksmith, wagon maker, two taverns, two schools, a flouring mill, three churches, distillery, store, grain elevator, stone stable and a railroad came to Schleisingerville. It was in 1855 through the exertions and influence of Mr. Weil that the route of the old La Crosse Railroad, now a section of the Milwaukee and St. Paul, was located so as to pass through his town. The occasion of its completion was celebrated in a big affair furnished by Weil.

Big Celebration

A large party came out from Milwaukee to celebrate the occasion. Included in this group were Stoddard Judd, president of the railroad; Judge Larabee, James B. Cross, Mayor of Milwaukee; Maurice Schoeffler and Harrison Ludington. The party was met and saluted by salvos of artillery. Mr. Weil feasted and wined the whole party at his own expense for two days in one of the greatest blowouts ever seen in Schleisingerville.

Mr. Schleisinger Weil lived in the town, which he helped to build, until the winter of 1859. Then with his destiny fulfilled he left the scene of his greatest triumph. His tired old eyes had seen a dream come true and a city take form, but the years had taken their toll. Broken in health, he headed for Milwaukee, in hopes that some doctor could still the pains that racked his aging frame.

One evening in autumn, about the time that the soft calls of the bob white came floating in over the hills in the gathering dusk, a blinding flash of light illuminated the little room, as the Black Angel came for B. Schleisinger Weil. They found the old pioneer dead in his chair. The fire dead out and the stew pot burned black.

They buried the old man in a little cemetery, now grown large ... So this is his story, a thumbnail sketch of the way it happened, taken from the records and diaries of folks who once lived along the Winnebago trail.

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FROM THE FAMILY OF

BARUCH SCHLEISINGER WEIL



BARVCH SCHLEISINGER WEIL

By: Steve Simon

Based upon original research by Jim Mann and Bob Anderson



12.7A LG Baruch Schleisinger Weil.

Baruch Schleisinger Weil, the man who founded Slinger, was born Baruch Schleisinger in the Jewish section of Strasbourg, Alsace, France on June 29th, 1802. The overlapping Jewish, French and German cultures of his background and birthplace were reflected in his name: Baruch is the Hebrew word for "Blessed." His last name, he pronounced in the French manner: Schleisinger (pronounced Shlay-zing-er, as opposed to the germanic Sles-sen-ger) and Weil (pronounced Wheel, as opposed to the more common Why-el). Although much of Baruch's early life is still somewhat shrouded in mystery, he clearly had a colorful and eventful life before, during, and after his years in Slinger, or as he called it, Schleisingerville.

There are legends that in France Baruch was a Brigadier General in the Army, or that he raised horses for the French Cavalry. However, by his own account: "I was born a poor boy, and by my own unaided industry, energy and good conduct,

became the principle in a large mercantile establishment."¹ Before he emigrated to the United States, he had divorced his first wife in France, whom he described as "a wicked and designing woman."² This divorce and the accompanying scandal were apparently the motivating factors in his decision to seek a new life in America.³

In May 1843 Baruch Schleisinger emigrated to the United States with his adult son Jules Schleisinger. They initially lived in New York City and then moved to New Orleans before finally settling in Wisconsin in 1845.4

The Schleisingers either emigrated with, or met in the United States, another Jewish family from Alsace, the Weils. Jim Mann is of the opinion that they traveled together from France. I believe it is more likely that the two families either met or were reunited in New Orleans, which at that time had a large French national population. It is a well established story in the Weil family that one of the Weil daughters, Eliza, was originally courted by Baruch's son Jules Schleisinger. In any event, Baruch and Eliza were married in 1845.⁵ By all reports it was a happy match despite the 22 years difference in their ages; their marriage produced six children. Upon getting remarried Baruch expanded his last name, later saying "I added the name of my present wife to my own, a compliment often paid by Frenchmen to their wives." He also took the step of having this change authorized by an act of the State legislature.⁶

According to Jim Mann: "The two plus Jules came to Washington County on November 1, 1845. A month later Schleisinger Weil platted the Village of Schleisingerville and built the first store and home in the town. Largely due to his efforts the LaCrosse Railroad (later the St. Paul) was laid out through Schleisingerville in 1855."7 To celebrate the arrival of the railroad, Baruch hosted a party for area residents and officials from the railroad. It was widely reported that everyone had such a good time at the party, even the railroad officials missed their own return train to Milwaukee.

Over the next forty years Baruch devoted himself to a variety of business ventures and to politics. He was elected to both the State Assembly and State Senate repeatedly, and was instrumental in setting the boundary between Washington and Ozaukee Counties. In 1856 the Governor appointed Baruch a Brigadier General in the State militia.

¹Baruch Schleisinger-Weil, quoted in the Milwaukee Daily Sentinel, July 8, 1858. ²Ibid.

³Ibid.

⁴A Brief History of the Weil Family by Robert Anderson, 1955, aprox. Privately Printed. Bob Anderson is Professor Emeritus, School of Education, Harvard University.

⁵A History of the White House at Big Cedar Lake, Jim Mann, 1993. Privately Printed. Jim Mann is a distinguished man of Letters.

⁶Baruch Schleisinger-Weil, quoted in the Milwaukee Daily Sentinel, July 8, 1858. 7 Ibid.



In 1941 Roy K. Wolf and Laura Wolf moved to Slinger, Wisconsin and Roy K. Wolf started as a Standard Oil Agent in the Slinger area. Roy Wolf retired in 1970 and his son, Edward became the agent. In 1976 Amoco Oil changed their agents to jobberships. At that time E.H. Wolf & Sons became a corporation. M.A. Wolf Trucking was incorporated in 1984 as the petroleum transporter for E.H. Wolf & Sons, other marketers and service stations.

The heating and cooling department was established in 1978, This is managed by son-in-law, Jeff Herther. With the new tank laws that are now in effect son-in-law Robert Troeller is state certified to handle tank installation and removal. Both sons are also involved in the family business. Craig Wolf is the business manager and Eddie Wolf, Jr. manages the service stations we supply.

Ed's dream of revitalizing the abandoned railroad depot became a reality in 1985. In March of 1986 the offices of E.H. Wolf & Sons and M.A. Wolf Trucking were moved from Ackerville to the relocated and remodeled Slinger depot. As the business continues to grow remodeling of the "old" freight room was just completed to accommodate more office facilities.

One of our first employees, Gordon Lofy, now our route delivery manager, has 20 years of employment with E.H. Wolf & Sons. The two companies employ about 35 people.

Ed and Minette, his wife, and their employees are committed to the petroleum industry by providing customers with quality products and service while preserving our environment. In continuing his commitment to the petroleum industry, Ed will serve as the President of the Petroleum Marketers Association of Wisconsin for the next year.

In 1858 Baruch made national news when a libelous article about him was published in the National Police Gazette, the 19th century equivalent of today's tabloid television shows. On July 8, 1858, The Milwaukee Sentinel, which had originally reported the Police Gazette story, printed a front page apology to Schleisinger Weil and devoted a third of a page to his detailed denials of the various charges. Although these false rumors never completely died after they were refuted, Baruch was subsequently returned to Madison by the voters.

By the 1860s B. S. Weil had Big Cedar Lake's first house erected on the west side of the lake, near the corner of Highway 144 and County K. He moved his growing family there from Slinger, although he maintained his various interests in the Village. His children attended the country school house, which was located on what is now the northeast corner of Arthur Road and Highway 144. Although the Weil's lake home was undoubtedly a modest house by today's standards, contemporary descriptions refer to it as a "fine country home."⁸ It was here that the Weils hosted European nobleman Prince Paul von

⁸The Story of Washington County by Carl Quickert, 1923. Sited by Jim Mann.

OBITUARY of B.S. WEIL

DIED YESTERDAY IN CHICAGO AT THE AGE OF 91.

HE WAS ONE OF WISCONSIN' S BEST KNOWN GERMAN-AMERICANS.

HE WAS THE FOUNDER OF SCHLEISINGERVILLE AND REPRESENTED HIS DISTRICT REPEATEDLY IN THE ASSEMBLY AND STATE GOVERNMENT.

Baruch Schleisinger-Weil died yesterday forenoon at the home of his son Eugene in Chicago at the age of 91. He was one of the earliest settlers in Wisconsin.

The real/right name of the deceased was Schleisinger. After his marriage to the daughter of a well-known Rabbi and explorer named Weil, he then added Weil to his original nameor Weil for short at times.

He came from Strasburg in Alsace where he was a horse trader/buyer for the French government and a leader for King Louis Philip. He was also a member of the French deputy chamber. Before the fall of the King, he left his homeland and came first to New Orleans where he stayed for a short time and by undertaking a large clothing business lost a lot of money. In 1845 he came to Washington County to what is now Schleisingerville and was to be named after him. He bought over a thousand acres on the southern end of Cedar Lake and parceled it, and in a short time it increased in value. He built a villa near the lake.

Weil was always an eager and respected politician and did so as a Democrat. He was a member of the first Senate of the State of Wisconsin and helped with the State constitution. In 1853, 1856 and 1857 he was a member of the State Senate. In the years 1852, 1871, 1872, 1873 and 1880 he was in the Assembly from Washington County. In the later years he was the oldest member of the legislature corporation. Mr. Weil

Wurtenburg during the Prince's tour of the United States. It was a tragic loss when their country home burned down about 1880. Weil never rebuilt the country house, although his daughters later built adjoining summer homes on the site, one of which still stands today. Baruch's West Bend "city" house is also standing today on 8th Avenue, just north of Highway 33.

Eventually Baruch Schleisinger Weil and family moved to Milwaukee, where a sizeable Jewish community was developing. He died at his son's Chicago home on March 26th, 1893, at the age of 90. Today there are over 70 direct descendants of Baruch and Eliza Schleisinger Weil. About half of the Weil descendants live within 100 miles of Slinger, and the rest are scattered throughout the United States. Almost all of them, regardless of where they live today, make it a point to return to Slinger at least once each summer.

(Steve Simon is a great great grandson of B. S. Weil. Jim Mann is a great grandson of B. S. Weil. Bob Anderson is a great great grandson of both Moses Weil, Baruch Schleisinger Weil's father-in-law, and William Wightman, one of the four founders of West Bend.)

reached the age of 91 years and was always cordial and

charitable. In his marriage to his second wife, they had three sons and two daughters who are all in Chicago.

He, like no one else, faced the trust and reliance of the Germans in Washington County; and his name, like some other spirited people, was found in every farm house. He was small of stature but had an iron-like constitution and kept it until very old. Unfortunately, he began losing the sight of his laughing black eyes; and in his last hours was finally robbed of his strength. When at some time the history of Wisconsin will be written, the name of Baruch Schleisinger-Weil will stand out; and his name will be placed first as a German-American with a city named in his honor.

(This obituary was translated from German by Joe Weninger, with assistance from Mary Rank, as it appeared in a German Milwaukee midweek paper dated March 29, 1893.)



JM Grave site of Baruch Schleisinger Weil born June 29, 1802: died March 26, 1893 and his beloved second wife Eliza Weil born June 12, 1824; died October, 20, 1910, located at Greenwood Cemetery, 2615 W. Cleveland Ave., Milwaukee.

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To join or come together as a partner, friend, or companion.



The State Bank of Slinger was established on April 4, 1904 at the intersection of Washington Street and Kettle Moraine Drive. From that time forward, the banking industry, as well as the bank itself, has gone through change. For 73 years, the State Bank of Slinger remained as one office primarily servicing the Village of Slinger and the surrounding community. As the industry began to grow and change, the necessity for the bank to grow and change to keep pace became evident. On October 25, 1976, the State Bank of Slinger moved its banking operations to 300 East Washington Street, its present location.

Another big event in our bank's history occurred on January 20, 1984. This was the merger of the State Bank of Slinger with F&M Financial Services Corporation. What an expansion of market area this became. Stretching out across the state with locations in places such as Eagle River, Stetsonville, Fond du Lac, Oconomowoc, and of course, Menomonee Falls among others, an F&M Bank could easily be found. On December 1, 1988 we built a brand new F&M Bank in the City of Hartford. Along with the development of the city, our new bank would grow and become established.

Again, a transformation was on the horizon. On October 19, 1992, F&M Financial Services Corporation was merged with Associated Banc-Corp. Founded in 1970, Associated Banc-Corp. is a diversified multibank holding company headquartered in Green Bay. As of December 31, 1993, we had \$2.98 billion in assets and we now serve markets in Wisconsin and Illinois through 80 banking locations. Even though Associated Banc-Corp. is a large corporation, we are still dedicated to serving the smaller communities and have strong community ties dating back to the late 1800's and early 1900's.

At Associated Bank in Slinger, our Community Bank President is Dale T. Tietz. Dale has been with the bank for 21 years. The Slinger Office currently employs 14 bankers both full-time and part-time with 132 years of banking experience to their credit. They are Jeff Biege, Pat Ellie, Kathy Gessner, Linnette Herther, Mari Leininger, Rose Metke, Annette Mueller, Jamie Mueller, Karen Nadelhoffer, Dianne Retzlaff, Jennifer Weber and Jayne Wolf. Our commitment is to service and to servicing the Slinger Community. We may have grown throughout the years, but we haven't forgotten where our roots lie.

EARLY SCHLEISINGERVILLE

This article is taken from the History of Washington County, Carl Quickert, Editor (S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, Chicago, 1912):

The Romulus of the "City of the Seven Hills," Schleisingerville--but without the stigma of manslaughter which adheres to that historic name--was B. Schleisinger Weil, a German-Alsacian and a member of the Semitic family of nations. In December, 1845, he bought much Government land in the town of Polk, on 527 acres of which he platted the village of Schleisingerville. A merchant dyed in the wool, he first built a store and a dwelling. His assortment of merchandise comprised everything the settlers could make use of. And these in return fetched him everything their land would produce. This way the place very early became the most important mart for many miles around. Blacksmiths, shoemakers, wagonmakers, and other artisans settled here. A hotel was built to accommodate the traveling public. Then two tanners, George Ippel and Thomas Jenner, arrived and started a tannery. Weil later on built a distillery. It is also due to his untiring efforts that the La Crosse Railroad, now the St. Paul, was run through the place. When in 1855 the track had reached Schleisingerville, he invited a large number of prominent Milwaukeeans to a sumptuous feast, the expenses of which he paid out of his own pocket. Among his guests were Stoddard Judd, president of the railroad, Judge Larrabee, Mayor James B. Cross, Moritz Schoeffler, and Harrison Ludington. When the train pulled in, an artillery salute was fired off. The carousal in the upper story of the hotel, which followed, was a favorite topic

of the town gossip for many years afterwards. The Milwaukeeans fairly gulped Weil's hospitality. They missed the return train. Late in the evening a special train arrived, on which their host packed them with difficulty, and which carried the merry crowd back to the Cream City. Until 1860 Weil remained in the place which he had founded and which bears part of his name. He then moved to the shore of Big Cedar lake, a few miles away, where he owned a fine home, later moving to West Bend, and finally to Milwaukee. Soon after Schleisingerville had become a railroad station, Lehman Rosenheimer, another merchant, arrived on the scene of business activities in the infant village. He in 1856 built a large store, and besides did much cattle and grain buying. Five of his six sons followed the footprints of their father. The advent of the house of Rosenheimer marked another era of advancement for Schleisingerville. Among the early business men of the place the name of John Pick, Sr., also stands out prominently. The first church was erected by the Catholics in 1862. In 1863 the Lutherans reared their place of worship and after it had burned down in 1866 they and the Methodists had a church in common until the former built a new one in 1872. The village was incorporated in 1869. In 1868 the Odd Fellows organized a lodge, and in 1877 a Turnverein stepped into existence, but went out of it again, long ago.



TR Possibly a picture of the 1880 Census taker. He is trying to remember whether or not he counted the three seated gentlemen across the street!



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SCHLEISINGERVILLE'S FIRST FEDERAL CENSUS

By: Larry Gundrum

This article centers around the 1880 census of the Village of Schleisingerville. A federal census of the area had been taken every ten years since 1840. The area that now comprises Slinger became open for settlement when the Potawatomi Indians were removed from the area west of the Milwaukee River as a result of a treaty in 1838.

The 1840 census shows 343 people (excluding Indians) living in Washington County, which at the time included what is now Ozaukee County. Since the area east of the Milwaukee River was open for settlement as a result of the 1831 treaty with the Menomonee Indians, it seems safe to assume the majority of the settlers may have been in that area.

The Town of Polk area became settled in the 1840's with people of German descent generally buying 80 acre plots of land from the U.S. government. At that time Germany was not a unified country but rather consisted of independent states. These states were ruled by aristocratic families. They were frequently involved in wars and disputes. Prussia was the most powerful of these states with a mandatory military service requirement.



The Principal States of Germany in the 1860's, before they joined to form the German Empire.

The people that settled in the Slinger area were practically all of German ancestry. They undoubtedly grew weary of the wars and the fact that they had little chance for advancement. The failed 1848 revolution to restore personal freedom also contributed to the flight from Germany.

Most of the people came through the port of Milwaukee. They came down the St. Lawrence Seaway straight from Germany to Wisconsin.

The receiving point was the harbor of Milwaukee, whose population increased from 1,700 in 1840 to over

20,000 in 1850 and doubled to 45,000 by 1860. Visiting Milwaukee in 1843 Margaret Fuller commented,

The torrent of emigration swells very strongly towards this place. During the fine weather, the poor refugees arrive daily in their national dresses all travel-soiled and worn. The night they pass in rude shanties, in a particular quarter of the town, then walk off into the country--the mothers carrying their infants, the fathers leading the little children by the hand, seeking a home where their hands may maintain them. . . . Here, on the pier, I see disembarking the Germans, the Norwegians, the Swedes, the Swiss. Who knows how much of old legendary lore, of modern wonder, they have already planted amid the Wisconsin forests.

It was to an area surrounded by the beautiful lakes of Silver, Pike and Cedar, Big and Little, that the German-Alsacian, Baruch Schleisinger 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 1,950 acres of government land for the price of 25 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 75 years.

The 1850 federal census of the Town of Polk shows significant settlement. The population of the Town of Polk was 1,260 with the occupations of the heads of households almost all being listed as farmers.

The State of Wisconsin took its own census at the five year marks between those conducted by the federal government. The state census information is not nearly as detailed as that of the federal census. It basically just lists the head of the household and the number of males and females living in the household. The 1855 census shows the Town of Polk growing to 2,151 with the Washington County population reaching 18,897. (Washington County was now separate from Ozaukee County as a result of the 1853 division.)

In 1860 the census information breaks the Town of Polk down by the servicing post offices which consisted of Richfield, Cedar Creek, Station (now Ackerville) and Schleisingerville. This same format was used for the 1870 federal census despite the fact that Schleisingerville had been incorporated as a village in 1869.

¹ LaVern J. Rippley, <u>The Immigrant Experience in Wisconsin</u> (Boston: Twayne Publishers, 1985) 7.

The first census breaking out Schleisingerville's population separately is the 1875 state census. The population of our small village in 1875 is listed at 380, 220 males and 160 females. None of the members of the village are listed as being "deaf and dumb," "blind" or "insane." West Bend, whose population is listed at 1,225, is the only other village whose population was separately listed for Washington County. The remainder of the county's population is listed by township. The Town of Hartford had the largest population at 2,727 and the entire county's population had reached 23,862.

This brings us to the 1880 federal census which is the first to give us detailed information about what was strictly the Village of Scheisingerville. A few things to note about the 1880 census: First, the census taker, Lorenz Guth, Jr., did not appear to be overly concerned with spelling accuracy. Second, while generally legible, his writing can at times be very difficult to make out. Finally, he often uses the shortened versions of names, such as Lena for Helena and Fritz for Frederick. His task was undoubtedly made more difficult by the fact that the immigrants' native tongue was German and they may have been difficult to understand. Where possible we have made corrections of what we believed to be spelling errors to make it a little easier for people today to trace back to their original family members.

1880 CENSUS

(Abbreviations are used to conserve space. F*=Family Number, A*=Age: M=Months, R*=Relationship: W=Wife, S=Son, D=Daughter, R=Servant, B=Boarder, M=Mother, BR=Brother, SS=Sister, ML=Mother-in-law.)

<u>F*</u>	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	<u>A*</u>	<u>R*</u>	OCCUPATION	PLACE OF BIRTH
1	HERMAN	FRANK	30		FARMER	WIS
		ANNA	29	W	KEEPING HOUSE	PRUSSIA
2	BEINE	PHILIPP	52		FARMER	PRUSSIA
		MARY	48	W	KEEPING HOUSE	PRUSSIA
		HENRY	22	S	WORKS ON FARM	NEW YORK
		LUIS	16	S	WORKS ON FARM	WIS
		PHILIPP	14	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
		JOSEPH	10	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
		MARY	13	D	AT SCHOOL	WIS
		HERMAN	6	S		WIS
		ANNA	9M	D		WIS
3	LEITNER	ANTON	55		REVEREND	AUSTRIA
		BARBARA	24	R	HOUSE KEEPER	PRUSSIA
4	ROSCHE	CHRISTOPH	59		MOLDER	PRUSSIA
		CATHARINE	56		KEEPING HOUSE	HESSE DARMSTADT
		WILLIAM	12	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
5	ROSCHE	FREDRICH	35		WORKS IN FOUNDRY	WIS
		EMILIA	29	W	KEEPING HOUSE	WIS
		LOTTA	5	D		WIS
		EDWIN	4	S		WIS
		ARTHUR	2	S		WIS
		JOHN	18	S	MOLDER	WIS
6	KLETTI	FRITZ	24		BLACK SMITH	WIS
		LENA	22	W	KEEPING HOUSE	WIS
7	BUDDE	HENRY	55		WAGON MAKER	HESSE DARMSTADT
		ELIZABETH	52	W	KEEPING HOUSE	PRUSSIA
		HENRY	18	S	WAGON MAKER	WIS
		CHARLES	14	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
		EMMA	10	D	AT SCHOOL	WIS
8	SCHUCK	JOHN	35		HARNESS MAKER	HESSE DARMSTADT
		MARGRATHA	32	W	KEEPING HOUSE	PRUSSIA
		JOHN	10	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
		GEORGE	8	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
		PETER	6	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
		CAROLINE	2	D		WIS
	MERGENTHALER	FERDINAND	16	R	LABORER	WIS
9	TIMLER	MARGRATHA	62		KEEPING HOUSE	BAVARIA
10	BOHLMAN	AUGUST	44		CARPENTER	PRUSSIA
		ERNDINA	37	W	KEEPING HOUSE	PRUSSIA
		AUGUST	9	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
		CHARLES	4	S		WIS
11	SONN	JOHN	29		LABORER	PRUSSIA
		CATHERINE	24	w	KEEPING HOUSE	WIS

		DIDOT NUMBER			OCCUPATION	BLACE OF BIDTU
<u>F*</u>	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	<u>A*</u>	<u>R*</u>	OCCUPATION	PLACE OF BIRTH
12	GROSSKOPF	DORTHEA WILLIAM	45 16	S	KEEPING HOUSE HOTEL KEEPER	HESSE DARMSTADT WIS
		THEODORE	12	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
		CHARLES	7	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
		EMMA EMILIA	11 9	D	AT SCHOOL AT SCHOOL	WIS WIS
	BUDDE	ELIZABETH	21	R	HOUSE KEEPER	WIS
	HEIM	ANNA	22	-	DRESS MAKER	WIS
13	SCHARFENBERG ROTH	JOSEPH GEORGE F.	68 72	R	LABORER HOTEL KEEPER	PRUSSIA BAVARIA
15	Rom	BARBARA	59	w	KEEPING HOUSE	BAVARIA
	UPPLAN	CHARLES JOSEPH	19 63	S	LABORER LABORER	WIS BAVARIA
14	HERMAN	JOSEPHINA	50	w	KEEPING HOUSE	WITENBERG
		EDWARD	8	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
15	LEIHELD	FREDRICK MENA	46	w	LABORER KEEPING HOUSE	SAXONY PRUSSIA
		HENRY	15	S	LABORER	WIS
		AUGUST WILLIAM	10 7	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS WIS
		CHARLES	4	S		WIS
		LUISE	13	D	AT SCHOOL	WIS
16	EBERHART	MARGRATHA GEORGE	1 38	D	LABORER	WIS BAVARIA
10	EDERTMAN	MARGRATHA	40	w	KEEPING HOUSE	BAVARIA
17	EHLERT	JOHN	62	w	FARMER	MEGLENBURG
	HATHER	MENA GEORGE	59 18	R	KEEPING HOUSE LABORER	MEGLENBURG WIS
18	HORSCH	ELIZABETH	43		KEEPING HOUSE	HESSE DARMSTADT
		PHILIPP	20 13	S	WORKS ON FARM AT SCHOOL	WIS WIS
		LUIS HENRY	6	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
		WILLIAM	5	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
19	SCHIMMEL MIELKE	JACOB G. CHARLES	76 32	F	LABORER FARMER	HESSE DARMSTADT PRUSSIA
19	MIELKE	ELISA	26	w	KEEPING HOUSE	WIS
		GEORGE	2	S		WIS
	BROSIUS BROSIUS	EMMA JOHN	11 73	SS	AT SCHOOL SURVEYOR	WIS HESSE DARMSTADT
20	THIEL	JOHN	44		BLACK SMITH	SAXONY
		BERTHA	42 18	W S	KEEPING HOUSE	PRUSSIA WIS
		HERMAN JOHN E.	18	S	BLACK SMITH AT SCHOOL	WIS
		WILLIAM	9	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
		OTTO HUGO	5 2	S S		WIS WIS
		BERTHA	19	D	KEEPING HOUSE	WIS
		ANNA	7	D	AT SCHOOL	WIS
21	EBERHARDT	AUGUST DORTHEA	47 52	w	BRICK MASON KEEPING HOUSE	HANNOVER MEGLENBURG
22	ZIHLSDORF	AUGUST	43		DRY GOODS MERCHA	NT PRUSSIA
		ANNA EMMA	34 11	WD	KEEPING HOUSE AT SCHOOL	WITENBERG WIS
		JOHN	9	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
		MATHILDA	7	D	AT SCHOOL	WIS
23	KIEDEL	AMANDA GEORGE	2 59	D	MAREHAND	WIS WITENBERG
		ANNA	65	W	KEEPING HOUSE	WITENBERG
24	JOHUNA BULTZ	JUNZER CHARLES	20 26	R	HOUSE KEEPER WORKS IN SAWMILL	NEW YORK
	DODIE	CAROLINE		w	KEEPING HOUSE	WITENBERG
	STERIMAN	JOSEPH	17 34		STORE CLERK LABORER	WIS WIS
25	SCHWARTZ SCHMITT	HENRY PETER	27	ĸ	WORKS ON RAILROA	
		ELIZABETH		W	KEEPING HOUSE	NEW YORK
		MARGRATHA ELIZABETH	53	D	AT SCHOOL	WIS WIS
		HENRY	8M			WIS
26	SCHUMACHER	FERDINAND MARGRATHA	53	w	SHOE MAKER KEEPING HOUSE	PRUSSIA PRUSSIA
		ELIZABETH	43		KEEPING HOUSE	WIS
		LEHNA	11	D	AT SCHOOL	WIS
27	THEISEN	EMILIA NICHOLAS	9 54	D	AT SCHOOL TAILOR	WIS PRUSSIA
21	INLIGEN	URSULA		w	KEEPING HOUSE	BAVARIA
		ANNA	17		KEEPING HOUSE AT SCHOOL	WIS
		PETER MARGRATHA	13 10		AT SCHOOL AT SCHOOL	WIS WIS
		ANNA	6	D	AT SCHOOL	WIS
28	MERTEN	PETER ELIZABETH	43 33	w	LABORER KEEPING HOUSE	PRUSSIA WIS
		JOSEPH	14		AT SCHOOL	WIS
29	KRUSE	WILLIAM	34		CLERK IN STORE	PRUSSIA
30	PANKO	MARY CHARLES	22 56	W	KEEPING HOUSE FARMER	WIS PRUSSIA
		TERTA	54	w	KEEPING HOUSE	PRUSSIA
31	SCHARFENBERG	FRANK JOHN	13 32	S	AT SCHOOL LABORER	PRUSSIA PRUSSIA
51	SCHARFENBERG	MARY		w	KEEPING HOUSE	PRUSSIA
		PETER	11	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
		AUGUST WILLIAM	10 8	S	AT SCHOOL AT SCHOOL	WIS WIS
		JOHN	5	S	AT SCHOOL AT SCHOOL	WIS
		LEWIS	4	S		WIS
32	KREBBELDT	JOSEPH LUISE	2 55	S	KEEPING HOUSE	WIS MEGLENBERG
33	BAEHRING	CHRISTIAN	52		WORKS IN BRICKYAR	D PRUSSIA
		MENA	44	w	KEEPING HOUSE	PRUSSIA

]	<u>F* 1</u>	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	<u>A*</u>	<u>R*</u>	OCCUPATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	<u>F*</u>	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	<u>A* R*</u>	OCCUPATION	PLACE OF BIRTH
3	34	гном	ALBERT LUISE	28 20	w		PRUSSIA WIS	53	SCHAEFER	BERNHARD MARY	35 34 W	ORGAN MAKER KEEPING HOUSE	BAVARIA BAVARIA
			CHARLES	7M			WIS	1.1		JOHN	14 S	AT SCHOOL	BAVARIA
3	15 1	ROSENHEIMER	JOSEPH	22 23	w		WIS WIS			FRANK CHARLES	12 S 10 S	AT SCHOOL AT SCHOOL	BAVARIA BAVARIA
	6 (GROH	SARA GEORGE	27	**		WIS	14.1		ANTON	6 S	AIBCHOOL	WIS
			MARY	20	W		NEW YORK			ADOLF	9M S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
3	17 1	HARLOS	PHILIP CATHARINE	52 51	w		PRUSSIA HESSE DARMSTADT			ELIZA ROSAIA	8 D 4 D	AT SCHOOL	BAVARIA WIS
			GEORGE	8	S	AT SCHOOL	WIS			MARY	2 D		WIS
3	18	KETCHMAN	WENDEL MARY	32 26	w	WORKS IN BRICKYAR	D PRUSSIA WIS		WEISS SCHAEFER	HENRY MICHAEL	24 R 18 BR	ORGAN MAKER APPRENTICE	WIS BAVARIA
			GEORGE	8	S		WIS	54	HATIG	WILLIAM	29	BREWER	BAVARIA
			JOHN JACOB	63	S S		WIS WIS			LUISE MARGRATHA	22 W 3 D	KEEPING HOUSE	SAXONY WIS
			MARY	1	D		WIS	100		PHILIP	2 S		WIS
3	19 1	RUDINGER	PROTAS	62			BADEN		WERL	ANDREAS BARBARA	48 R 53	WORKS IN BREWERY KEEPING HOUSE	BAVARIA BAVARIA
			ROSEINA ANTON	48 21	W S		BADEN WIS	55	ROSENHEIMER	MEYER	17 S	CLERK IN STORE	WIS
			NICHOLAS	16			WIS			MOSES	11 S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
			JOSEPH BARBARA	14 9	D		WIS WIS		SCHLOSSER	ELIZA JACOB	8 D 23 R	AT SCHOOL LABORER	WIS WIS
		SELLMAN	GEORGE		В	STONE MASON	BAVARIA		JANWAITE	ALBERT	26 R	LABORER	WIS
4	10 1	KUKUCK	TERRASA GEORGE	50 14	s		SAXONY WIS		ROST BUNKELMANN	JACOB PERTA	21 R 19 R	LABORER LABORER	WIS WIS
			JOHN	12		AT SCHOOL	WIS		WILD	GEORGE	14 R	CLERK IN STORE	WIS
		MENGER RAUH	EVA GEORGE	74 55			SAXONY BAVARIA	56	PFEIFER	CHARLES EMMA	24 22 W	DRUGGIST KEEPING HOUSE	WIS WIS
4		CACH	CATHARINE		w		HESSE DARMSTADT			EDWARD	2 S	REFING HOUSE	WIS
			GEORGE	12	S D		WIS WIS	57	DEDILLADOT	ARTHUR	7M S 34	BUTCHER	WIS PRUSSIA
			ANNA MARY	19			WIS	31	REINHARDT	CHARLES MARY	26 W	KEEPING HOUSE	WIS
		LODGEL (EVED	CATHARINE	14	D		WIS		WOLD	CHARLES	2 S		WIS
4	12 1	KORTEMEIER	WILLIAM MARGRATHA	36 29	w	WORKS IN BRICKYARI KEEPING HOUSE	WIS	58	WOLF	DANIEL ANNA	71 71 W	RETIRED FARMER KEEPING HOUSE	PRUSSIA PRUSSIA
			ANNA	8	D		WIS		ELINGER	CATHARINE	38 R	HOUSE KEEPER	BAVARIA
4	13 (JUNTHER	THEODORE CHARLES	2 25	S		WIS PRUSSIA	59	HAUSER	JOHN TERRASA	28 27 W	WORKS IN BREWERY KEEPING HOUSE	WIS
			MARY	24		KEEPING HOUSE	WIS			MARGRATHA	4 D		WIS
			JOHN ANNA	2 3M	S		WIS WIS			OTTO CHRISTINA	3 S 6M D		WIS WIS
4	14 I	PREIF	JOHN	69	D	FARMER	PRUSSIA	60	STORCK	CHARLES	31	BREWER	HESSE DARMSTADT
			MARY SOPHIA	44 19	W		PRUSSIA WIS			HENRENETTE HENRY	29 W 6 S	KEEPING HOUSE AT SCHOOL	WIS WIS
			ELISABETH	12			WIS			CHARLES	5 S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
			JOHN	85	S S		WIS			WILLIAM CLARRA	4 S 2 D		WIS WIS
4	5 1	MENGER	HENRY ANTON	36	2		WIS SAXONY	61	KANNETY	TOM	2 D 47	SECTION BARES	IRELAND
			REGINA	42	W		BADEN			MARGRATHA	41 W	KEEPING HOUSE	IRELAND
			ANNA JOSEPH	13 6	D S		WIS WIS		SCHRISTNACHT	WILLIAM F. C.	17 S 24	AT SCHOOL R. R. AGENT	WIS WIS
			CHRISTINA	4	D		WIS	62	SCHLIEMAN	F. G.	28	DOCTOR	ILLINOIS
	1	KNAPP	MARGRATHA CHRISTINA	2 68	D ML		WIS BADEN		STROEPEL	CHARLOTTE JOHN	23 W 63	KEEPING HOUSE LABORER	NEW YORK BAVARIA
4		CLOSE	CHARLES	66		HOTEL KEEPER	PRUSSIA			CATHARINE	56 W	KEEPING HOUSE	BAVARIA
			AUGUSTA CHARLES	36 8	W S		PRUSSIA WIS	63	WEYER	PETER MARY	75 77 W	LABORER KEEPING HOUSE	PRUSSIA PRUSSIA
			WILLIAM	5	S		WIS	64	BEINE	HENRY	26	LABORER	NEW YORK
			ELLA ATURE	2 2			WIS WIS			EVA ANNA	25 W 2 D	KEEPING HOUSE	WIS IOWA
4	7 5	SCHANTZ	JACOB	39		SALOON KEEPER	NEW YORK	65	STERNEMANN	HERMAN	46	TEACHER	PRUSSIA
			CATHARINE MARY	8	D D		WIS WIS			WALBURGE ANNA	41 W 18 D	KEEPING HOUSE KEEPING HOUSE	PRUSSIA WIS
			HENRY	3			WIS			THEODORE	13 S	AT SCHOOL	WIS
		CHUMAKER	ANNA ELIZA	80 16			BAVARIA WIS	66	MERGENTAHL	JACOB	54 29 W	BRICK MASON KEEPING HOUSE	WITENBERG
4		MENGER	GEORGE	32	ĸ		SAXONY			CLARA JACOB	14 S	AT SCHOOL	SAXONY WIS
			ELIZA LENA	26 4			BADEN WIS	67	MARGRAF	JOHN	44	STONE MASON	PRUSSIA
			OTTO	3			WIS			ANNA NICHOLAS	32 W 7 S	KEEPING HOUSE AT SCHOOL	PRUSSIA ILLINOIS
		BAEHRING	WILLIAM	21			PRUSSIA			JOHN	4 S		WIS
		BEIER WAGNER	GEORGE MARGRATHA	17 18			WIS WIS	68	SCHRECK	PHILIP CHARLES	2 S 28	WORKS ON R. R.	WIS BAVARIA
4	9 N	MENGER	JOHN G.	64		FARMER	SAXONY			LEHNA	26 W	KEEPING HOUSE	WIS
			ELISABETHA JOHN	63 23			SAXONY WIS			JOHN IDA	3 S 1 D		WIS WIS
			HENRY	22		BUTCHER	WIS	69	FISCHER	VALENTINE	33	CARPENTER	BAVARIA
5		ASSINGER BAEHRING	EVA TRAUGOTT	17 28	R		WIS PRUSSIA			BARBARA JOSEPH	24 W 4 W	KEEPING HOUSE	BAVARIA WIS
			ELISABETH	34		KEEPING HOUSE	SAXONY			GEORGE	2 W		WIS
			MARY GEORGE	4 2			WIS WIS	70	ROSENHEIMER	CATHARINE MAX	11MD 27	REVEREND	WIS WIS
5	1 F	ROSENHEIMER	JOHN	32		POSTMASTER	WIS	1	RODENTERNER	SUSAN	27 W	KEEPING HOUSE	WIS
			MARY LEHMAN	33 9	W S		NEW YORK WIS			EMMA ADILA	3 D 1 D		WIS WIS
			BARBARA	7	D	AT SCHOOL	WIS	71	MERTEN	JOSEPH	38	HOTEL KEEPER	PRUSSIA
			MARY JOHN		D S		WIS WIS			ELISABETH	35 W	KEEPING HOUSE	WIS
	E	AEHRING	LIEBRECHT	1 16			PRUSSIA			ELIZA ROSA	12 D 10 D	AT SCHOOL AT SCHOOL	WIS WIS
5:	0 F	INDRES	PHILIP MARGRATHA	50 44	W		PRUSSIA			ANNA	8 D	AT SCHOOL	WIS
	2 E		MARITRALHA	44	W		PRUSSIA			JOSEPH	3 S 80		WIS
	2 E		BERNHARD	15		SHOE MAKER	WIS		SETZLER	ANTON	00	LABORER	BADEN
	2 E		BERNHARD JOHN	15 12	s s	AT SCHOOL	WIS	72	WILD	MARY	51	KEEPING HOUSE	PRUSSIA
	2 E		BERNHARD	15	s s s	AT SCHOOL		72		MARY PETER		KEEPING HOUSE BLACK SMITH	PRUSSIA WIS
	2 E		BERNHARD JOHN PETER	15 12 2 21 9	S S D D	AT SCHOOL KEEPING HOUSE AT SCHOOL	WIS WIS			MARY	51 25 S 9 S 50	KEEPING HOUSE BLACK SMITH AT SCHOOL CARPENTER	PRUSSIA

<u>F*</u>	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	<u>A*</u> <u>F</u>	<u>R*</u>	OCCUPATION	PLACE OF BIRTH
74	KAMPMEIER	F. W.	26		REVEREND	MISSOURI
		LENA	20 V	N	KEEPING HOUSE	SAXONY
		LENA	2M [)		WIS
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		MARY	21 V	N	KEEPING HOUSE	WIS
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		CATHARINE	29 V	W	KEEPING HOUSE	WIS
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		WILLIAM	2 5	5		WIS
	PEIL	JACOB	17 F	R	SHOE MAKER	WIS
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		BARBARA	25 V	W	KEEPING HOUSE	WIS
		FRANSISCA	2 I	D		WIS
	ERNST	LENA	17 F	R	HOUSE KEEPER	WIS
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As you review the 1880 census, here are a few of the interesting facts:

1) Breakdown by place of birth:

FORE	IGN	BORM	J

German States:	
Prussia	55
Bavaria	27
Saxony	12
Hesse Darmstadt	11
Witenberg	6
Baden	6
Meglenburg	4
Hannover	1
Ireland	3
Austria	1
Total Foreign Born:	<u>126</u>
AMERICAN BORN	
Wisconsin	219
New York	8
Illinois	2
Iowa	1
Missouri	_1
Total American Born:	231

2) Breakdown by sex: Male <u>199</u> Female <u>158</u>

- Boarders and servants are listed as part of a family unit. Employees frequently lived at the location of their employer. People did not commute lengthy distances to work.
- People typically ran their businesses right out of the location where they lived.
- 5) Many farms were within the actual village limits.
- 6) It appears that Elizabeth Schumacher may have been counted twice. She is listed as age 15 in her father's household #26 (Ferdinand Schumacher) and there is an Eliza Schumaker, age 16, listed under the Jacob Schantz residence, #43. Could it be there was some dispute between Elizabeth and her father regarding where she was to live?

7) Throughout the various census reports of 1875-1880-1885-1910, "Behring" is the spelling that appears. In 1900 the census lists the spelling as "Berhing" and today the common spelling for this family is "Baehring." The 1892 plat map shows both "Behring" and Baehring." Apparently some members of the family didn't feel the "A" was necessary.

8) Special mention should be made of Charles Klose, a hotel keeper of the "Junction House," who at age 64 apparently fathered twins by his then 34 year old wife Augusta. This case turned tragic in 1887. See special write-up in the newspaper clippings section of this book.

9)

The census keeper seemed to stereotype women into the occupation of "keeping house." It seems highly unlikely that Dorthea Grosskopf, whose husband was a hotel keeper and had just recently died, would be keeping house while her 16 year old son would be the hotel keeper.

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 Tennies 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.





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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Gundrum Trucking was founded in 1947 when Norman Gundrum bought a Grade-B milk route to the White House Milk Company in West Bend.

In 1953 Norman started a Grade-A milk route to the Borden Company in Milwaukee. Howard, his son, was in partnership until 1974 when Howard bought him out and Norman retired.

Howard operated the milk route business at 5232 Hwy. 144 in West Bend. In 1984, Howard purchased a building at the corner of Hwy. 60 and Hwy. 175 in Slinger. In 1984, Howard, his wife, Janice, and their two sons, Scott and Guy, started a long-haul general commodities trucking business which they incorporated in 1985. The corporation has grown to not only a milk business, but a 48-state trucking business.

In 1989, the Gundrums purchased land at their present site at Arthur Road and Hwy. 144, where they built a new truck terminal. At this site, Gundrum Trucking, Inc. and Howard Gundrum run their business. In 1992, a refrigerated warehouse was built to service "less than truckload" (LTL)customers.



moved to Amhurst and Erwin A. continued on the family homestead.



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

Lehman Rosenheimer, undoubtedly Schleisingerville's most prominent and influential businessman, was born in Dormetz, Bavaria, on June 21, 1820. He came to America in 1840 and apparently worked as a farm hand in New York. He then



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

Lehman is said to have left Bavaria because he was upset at the prospect of his father's entire inheritance being passed down to the oldest son, as was the custom at that time. Being so provoked, he is said to have gathered \$200 and left for America.

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 38×50 foot building. In 1867 he doubled the building's size to 38×100 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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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 <u>Moritz</u> and <u>Adolph</u> 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. 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.

<u>Max Rosenheimer</u> (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.

<u>Moses Rosenheimer</u> (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.

<u>Elizabeth "Lizzie" Rosenheimer</u> (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


Hands Sailor Band both before and after WWII up until the early 1970's. He worked at the Storck Brewery until it closed in 1958. Richard worked as a crossing guard in Slinger from 1966 to 1987 where he enjoyed a great rapport with the children. He has been a long-time caretaker of the Rosenheimer cemetery. He is most noted for his part-time career as an umpire, combining with his partner Stan Boyd to umpire Land O' Lakes baseball games from 1948 to the present, a span that probably exceeds that of any other umpiring team in the U.S. Affectionately known as "Rosie" and a life-long Slinger resident, Richard is the last in the line of a family that Slinger will never forget.

ROTH



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 tavem 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.



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, Harold 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.

SCHAEFER

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3.2A JS Schaefer Organ Factory, current site of Niphos 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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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. Bernard 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.

<u>Charles D. Storck</u>, 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.

<u>William Storck</u>, 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.

<u>Henry N. Storck</u>, 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 Schleisingerville 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 Schleisingerville 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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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 Groperty. The blacksmith shop is in the near left. Back left is the wagon misting shop. This is the oldest known picture of Schleisingerville.



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.



12.1.1A LG The final addition to the John Thiel house was made in 1910. This house remained in the Thiel amily 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 Lily 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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FAMILY PRACTICE Jeff Allen, M.D. Patti Liethen, M.D. Gretchen Jachim, PA-C 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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WISCONSIN STATE GAZETTEER AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY. 1879 SCHLEISINGERVILLE

An incorporated village on the N. Div., C. M. & St. P. Ry., in Polk township, Washington County, 12 miles from West Bend the county seat, and 33 miles north of Milwaukee. It has Catholic, Lutheran and German Reformed churches, an organ factory, foundry, and machine shop, brickyard, brewery, and several good hotels. Principal shipments, wheat, barley, oats, and other farm products. Population (est.), 500. Western Union telegraph. American express.

- * Baehring Franz, shoemaker
- * Brosius John, county surveyor
- * Budde Henry, wagonmaker
- * Cook J. E., painter
- * Eberhardt August, mason
- * Ehlert Charles, station and express agent
- * Enders Phil., shoemaker
- * Englehardt Val., wagonmaker
- * Firnhaber Louis, harnessmaker
- * Fischer Valentine, undertaker
- * Grosskopf Ernst, hotel
- * Herman Ed., shoemaker
- * Hoffman Charles, saloon and barber
- * Horst Chris., nurseryman
- * Keidel, J. G., general store
- * Kisch H. C., cigar manufacturer
- * Klose Charles, hotel
- * Leitner C., clergy (Cath.)
- * Levering N., clergy (Reform.)
- * Menger George, hotel
- * Menger J. George, brickyard
- * Merganthaler Jacob, mason
- * Merten Joseph, saloon
- * Panko Carl, cooper
- * Pfeifer Charles, drugs and postmaster
- * Roeber Fred., tinware, etc.
- * Rosche Chris., foundry, etc.

- Rosenheimer L., genl. store, lumber yard and farm implts.
- * Roth G. F., hotel
- * Schaefer B., organ builder and watchmaker
- * Schantz Jacob, saloon
- * Schewe August, blacksmith
- * Schleiman F. G., physician
- * Schuck John, harnessmaker
- * Schumacher Ferdinand, boots and shoes
- * Sterneman Herman, justice
- * Storck & Hartig, brewers
- * Theisen Nicholas, tailor and boots and shoes
- * Thiel John, blacksmith
- * Wild George, blacksmith

WISCONSIN STATE GAZETTEER AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY. 1895-1896 SCHLEISINGERVILLE

An incorporated village on the Wisconsin Central Line, and on the C., M. & St. P. Ry., in Washington County, 12 miles from West Bend, the judicial seat, and 5 from Hartford, the nearest banking point, and 32 from Milwaukee. It is 2 miles from Cedar Lake, which is fast becoming a summer resort for Chicago and Milwaukee people. There is a first-class hotel at the lake, game and fish also abound in plenty and parties cannot find a more desirable place for the summer than Cedar Lake. The village was first settled in 1843, and now contains a brewery, a creamery, brickyards, a steam saw and grist mill, 3 churches and a district school. Population (est.), 800. Tel., W. U. Exp., U. S. and National. John Rosenheimer, postmaster.

- * Brunner George, mason
- * Budde Henry, wagonmaker
- * Budde Mrs Henry, dressmaker
- * Dopp Jacob, carpenter
- * Ehlert Charles, railroad and exp agent
- * Enders John, cheese manufacturer, 2 miles s.
- * Fischer Valentine, undertaker

Ŧ	Fries Carl, propr Washington House	1	A B R Grain Co
*	Gansel E A, principal of school	*	Bartles Shepard, Oil Co, Anton Schodron agent
*	Goll Henry, proprietor Central House	*	Bethke Andrew, soft drinks
*	Grobschmidt Rev (Catholic)	*	Boettcher Otto, hotel
*	Kaul Robert, hardware	*	Breuer Bros (Peter and Frank), wagonmakers
*	Keidel John G, general store	*	Budde Henry, wagonmaker
*	Kletti Frederick, blacksmith	*	Burg Ralph, garage
*	Kletti John, saw mill	*	Cedar Lake Cheese Factory 1 mile n e
*	Kortemeyer Wm, brick manfacturer	*	CEDAR LAKE PARK HOTEL, John Rosenheimer
*	Kratz Wm, general store		Prop and Manager. A Pleasant Summer Resort,
*	Maxon Dow, creamery		Fishing, Dancing, Boating, Bathing. Special Chicken
*	Merten Philip Jr, painter		Dinners. Free Camping Grounds in Connection 2
*	Probst Rev Charles (Lutheran)	100.0	Miles Northeast. Tels 911 and 806
*	Rami Rev J (Evangelical)	*	Central Hotel and Restaurant, Edward Kohl proprietor
*	Reichert J E, physician	*	Eggert Frederick E, harnessmaker
*	Reichert Mrs J E, music teacher	*	Eiche Joseph, electrical contractor
*	Reinhardt Carl, meats	*	Farmers' Home, Mrs Charles Roth proprietor
*	Rosche Frederick, foundry	*	Farmers' State Bank (capital \$15,000) John Rosenheimer
*	Rosche Mrs Frederick, dressmaker		pres, Matthew Weiss cashier
*	Rosche John, painter	*	Floss John, soft drinks
*	Rosenheimer John, postmaster	*	Ganns Frank, saw mill
*	Rosenheimer Joseph, insurance	*	Geller Joseph, garage
*	Rosenheimer L, General Store, Lumber, Farm	*	Gensman M E, postmaster
	Implements, Grain, Elevator, Brick Mnfr, Shipper of Farm	*	GOETZ & DHEIN LUMBER CO (George Goetz, Otto
	Produce and Dealer in Live Stock		P Dhein), Lumber, Building Materials, Roofing, Sewer
*	Roth Charles, saloon and meats		Pipe and Drain Tile, Lime, Brick, Cement and Coal,
*	Rudinger Joseph, machinist	1000	Tel 7202
*	Schaefer Bernhard, cigar manufacturer	*	Gundrum Bros, meats
*	Schaefer Frank, barber	*	Hesprich Fred Mrs, milliner
*	Schuck John, harnessmaker	*	Hoff Henry, dray and well driller
*	Schumacher Ferdinand, shoes	*	Hurtgen Frank C, dentist
*	Storck Charles, brewer	*	Kachelmeier Frank, baker
*	Theisen Nicholas, tailor	*	Kauth Phillip M, physician
*	Thiel J & Sons (John, Albert H and August), blacksmiths	*	Kippenhan John, insurance
*	Urban Joseph, livery	*	Kletti Alvin J, veterinary surgeon
*	Urban Mary, midwife	*	Kletti Bros (Fred H and Edmund), garage
*	Wild Peter, blacksmith	*	Koenings Theodore, agricultural implements, machinists
*	Zilsdorf August, general store		and hardware
		*	Kohl Edward, hotel and bowling alley
		*	Kratz Wm, general store
	ALCONGIN STATE CAZETTEED	*	Langenecker Wm A, farm implements
V	VISCONSIN STATE GAZETTEER	*	Maxim M, physician
	AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY.	*	Maxon Wm D, hotel
		*	Meister Gustav J, printer
1924-1925 SLINGER		*	Merten John, garage
		*	Merten Peter, garage
SERVOER		*	Meyer M E, general store
		*	Modern Foundry Co, Otto E Zahn pres, M E Gensman
Population (est.), 800. Formerly Schleisingerville. An			sec-treas
incorporated village on the C., M. & St. P. and M., St. P. & S.		*	National Milk Co, Joseph Witthauer manager
	M. Rys., in Polk township, Washington County, 12 miles	*	New Commercial House, John Kippenhan proprietor
	thwest of West Bend, the judicial seat, and 32 from	*	Obermeyer Harry, cheese manufacturer
	waukee. It is 2 miles from Cedar Lake, a popular summer	*	Patterson H C, railroad express and telegraph agent
resort. The village dates its settlement from 1843, and has		*	Peters Philip, hardware and blacksmith
Catholic, Evangelical and Lutheran churches, a graded public			i ders i milp, nardware and blacksmith

- * Reliance Foundry Co, David McLain pres, I V Scanlan v-pres, J Wilkins sec, C J Roth treasurer
- * Rosche John, foundry
- * Rosenheimer John, real estate
- * Roth Charles Mrs, hotel and soft drinks

postmaster.

school, 2 banks, foundries, machine shop, organ factory, brick

and tile works, tractor factory and water works. Express,

telegraph and telephone connection. M. E. Gensman,

- Roth C J, cashier State Bank of Slinger
- Rothenbach Jacob J, cheese manufacturer
- SCHAEFER ORGAN CO, Theodore H Schaefer Pres-Gnl Mgr, Joseph A Schaefer Sec-Treas-Sales Mgr, Builders of Pipe Organs for Churches, Theatres, Etc, Milwaukee Office 382 31st
- Schubert George C, general store
- Schubert Herman, cheese manufacturer
- Schuck Peter, general store
- Slinger Hardware Co (A J and E C Leverance)
- Slinger Lumber Co (Erwin Nehm, A C and Oscar Thiel)
- Square Deal Garage (John Feutz)
- Standard Machinery Co, agricultural implements and gas engines
- **STAPPENBECK HENRY D, Ph.G., Druggist, Undertaker and Licensed Embalmer, Tel 1804**
- State Bank of Slinger (capital \$15,000) J F Mayer pres, C J Roth cashier

- STORCK PRODUCTS CO, Henry Storck Pres, Oscar Storck V-Pres, August Storck Sec-Treas, **Manufacturers Ice Cream and Cereal Beverages**
- Strand Theatre, Mrs Emily Riesch manager
- * Thiel Albert, insurance
- * Tolzman & Gensman, hardware
- * Vim Tractor Co, John F Mayer pres, Peter Schuck v-pres, P M Kauth sec-treas
- * Wadewitz Otto, meats
- Wadewitz Otto H, lawyer
- * Washington County Telephone Co, Emil Klemp manager
- * Weiss Matthew cashr, Farmers' State Bank
- * Wichert A P, tinsmith
- * Wild George P, furniture

Gazetteer and Business Directory information supplied by Thomas Rothenbach and James Schuetz.

JANSEN'S 1935 GUIDE TO HOMES IN SLINGER

Published by F. W. Jansen, Pewaukee, Wis.

Jansen's published a listing of adult residents of the village in 1935 with their corresponding addresses. We've sorted this list by street name and house number.

To help you understand this list, you need to know the following:

Cedar Street is now Tennies Drive.

Franklin Street E. is now Kettle Moraine Drive N. Franklin Street S.W. is now Kettle Moraine Drive S. Lawn Avenue is now Lawndale Avenue. Rector Street is now Kettle Moraine Drive, S. Washington Street N. is now W. Washington Street. Washington Street S. is now E. Washington Street.

MAGO, MISS ANNA	106	BUCHANAN ST.
MAGO, PETER	106	BUCHANAN ST.
MERTEN'S GARAGE, PETER MERTEN	107	BUCHANAN ST.
GANNS, EDGAR	108	BUCHANAN ST.
GANNS, FRANK (AMELIA)	108	BUCHANAN ST.
GANNS, MISS ANNA	108	BUCHANAN ST.
MAXAM, DR. M. (MARIE)	110	BUCHANAN ST.
MAXAM, MISS ALTHA	110	BUCHANAN ST.
MAXAM, QUENTIN	110	BUCHANAN ST.
FRIES, CHARLES (SUSAN)	111	BUCHANAN ST.
BARNHARDT, CLARENCE	112	BUCHANAN ST.
BUCH, R. J., SHOE STORE	112	BUCHANAN ST.
KONRATH, ADOLPH (ESTHER)	113	BUCHANAN ST.
BUNTROCK, FERDINAND (IDA)	120	CEDAR ST.
BUNTROCK, MISS HILDA	120	CEDAR ST.
BUNTROCK, WALTER	120	CEDAR ST.
BUROW, MRS. JAMES (WIDOW)	120	CEDAR ST.
TENNIES, ALFRED	200	CEDAR ST.
TENNIES, LAWRENCE	200	CEDAR ST.
TENNIES, PHILIP (MARY)	200	CEDAR ST.
TENNIES, TONY	200	CEDAR ST.
SLINGER PUMPING STATION NO. 2	131	CHESTNUT ST. N.
KOHL, HAROLD	300	ELM ST.

KOHL, MISS MAYBELLE	300	ELM ST.
KOHL, MISS ROSEMARY	300	ELM ST.
KOHL, PETER J. (ANNA)	300	ELM ST.
STORCK, HENRY G.	306	ELM ST.
STORCK, HENRY N. (HELEN)	306	ELM ST.
STORCK, MISS RUBY	306	ELM ST.
SCHAEFER, JOSEPH W.	308	ELM ST.
SCHAEFER, WM. F. (ANNA)	308	ELM ST.
HEPPE, MISS CATHERINE	310	ELM ST.
HEPPE, MRS. THERESA (WIDOW)	310	ELM ST.
BUCH, CLARENCE	314	ELM ST.
BUCH, MRS. JOS. (WIDOW)	314	ELM ST.
BUCH, NICHOLAS	314	ELM ST.
SLINGER PUBLIC SCHOOL	400	ELM ST.
WERNER, MISS MAMIE	402	ELM ST.
WERNER, PETER (ELIZABETH)	402	ELM ST.
SCHAEFER, HUGO (JOSEPHINE)	404	ELM ST.
ROYAL NEIGHBOR & M. W. A. HALL	109	FRANKLIN ST. E.
WICKERT SHEET METAL WORKS	110	FRANKLIN ST. E.
WICKERT, ARNOLD (ELIZABETH)	110	FRANKLIN ST. E.
WICKERT, MISS CLEO.	110	FRANKLIN ST. E.
BREUER, PETER BLACKSMITH SHOP	111	FRANKLIN ST. E.
FEUTZ, JOHN (CARRIE)	115	FRANKLIN ST. E.
THIEL, ALBERT H.	115	FRANKLIN ST. E.
DIEFENBACH, JOHN (ANNA)	117	FRANKLIN ST. E.
BULL'S TAVERN	121	FRANKLIN ST. E.
BULL, L. J.	121	
KRATZ, MRS. WM. SR. (WIDOW)	123	FRANKLIN ST. E.
KRATZ, OSCAR (CAMILLA)	125	FRANKLIN ST. E.
KRATZ WAREHOUSE	127	
SLINGER PUMPING STATION NO. 1	129	FRANKLIN ST. E.
DUEHNING, JOHN (LEONE)	131	FRANKLIN ST. E.
DUEHNING, MISS RUTH	131	FRANKLIN ST. E.
SCHAEFER, ARTHUR (MARIE)	133	
MARGRAF, CHARLES (RACHEL)	137	FRANKLIN ST. E.
GELDNICH, LESTER (GLADYS)	138	FRANKLIN ST. E.
GELDNICH, WM. JR.	138	FRANKLIN ST. E.
GELDNICH, WM. SR. (MINNIE)	and the second sec	FRANKLIN ST. E.
PIEL, MISS CLARA		FRANKLIN ST. E.
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VILLAGE PRESIDENTS

John Pick, Schleisingerville's first village President, was born in Foerde, Saverland, Germany, in 1819. He was a master carver and made elaborate furniture. He also worked for the Steinway Piano Co. in Stuttgard, Germany.

John emigrated to the U.S. in 1848. He married Mary Leins. They lived in Walker's Point, Milwaukee. While there John worked for a company that built railroad locomotives. He carved, out of wood, the forms from which metal castings were made.

In September of 1857 John and Mary purchased the large store (now owned by Richard Bielinski and occupied by Gundrum Insurance) built by Julius Schleisinger and his father B. Schleisinger Weil. The Pick family lived in a log cabin across the street before moving to the upper floor of the store.

John Pick died in 1874, leaving a wife, two sons and two daughters. Shortly after John's death, the family moved to West Bend where the Pick family is well known to this day.

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John Pick

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The starting clerk's salary was \$25 in 1869. It was raised to \$35 in 1870, \$45 in 1872 and \$50 in 1873. It remained at \$50 until 1890 when it was raised to \$51. By 1909 the salary for the village clerk had reached \$62 per year. The village clerk was an elected office until the year 1955. The following is a list of clerks who have served our village:

Jacob Oehrling	1869-1873
John Mueller	1873-1874
John Thiel	1874-1877
John Mueller	1877-1878
Charles Pfeifer	1878-1882
John Thiel	1882-1883
Frederick Rosche	1883-1887
Valentine Fischer	1887-1891
Albert H. Thiel	1891-1895
Frank Schaefer	1895-1904
Valentine Fischer	1904-1906
Anton Schodron	1906-1913
Ben Klug	1913
Edgar Kaiser	1913-1916
Arthur Klug	1916-1917
William Langenecker	1917-1918
Joseph Schaefer	1918-1920
Alex Rosenheimer	1920-1921
William Kratz	1921-1924
Dorothy Herbst	1924-1928
Albert C. Thiel	1928-1935
Richard Rosche	1935-1944
Lionel Bull	1944-1955
Alfred Leverance	1955-1956
Herbert Ninnemann	1956-1957
Miles Fritz	1957-1959
Herbert Ninnemann	1959-1962
Raymond Mueller	1962-1977
Dean Otte	1977-present

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

James Mann became Slinger's first village administrator. He started with the village on October 4, 1993.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Otto Bartelt appears to be the village's first full-time employee. He was hired by the village in May 1913 at a salary of \$50 per month.

Otto Bartelt	1913-1952
James Dickenson	1952-1988
Fredrick Kubicek	1988-present

SCHLEISINGERVILLE TO SLINGER

Whereas at the annual election held on the first Tuesday of April, towit, the fifth day of April, A.D. 1921, at the village of Schleisingerville, County of Washington, there was submitted to the electors of said village the question whether the name of said village should be changed and at which election said electors were directed, if in favor of said change, to suggest the name to be adopted for the said village:

And whereas, at said election, there were 210 votes cast upon said question, of which number 25 ballots were blank, and of the remainder 169 were for said change and 16 against, and of which number 145 votes were cast in favor of changing the name of said village to Slinger, 5 for the name Schleisinger, 4 for Hilton, 1 for Tyrone, 1 for Cream City, 1 for Vim City, 1 for Towerville, 2 for Cedar Dell, 1 for Waneeta, 3 for Hill Side, and 1 for Lawndale, and 4 "Yes" without suggesting a name:

Therefore, be it and it is hereby resolved by the Village Board of the village of Schleisingerville, that the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Washington be and they hereby are requested to change the name of said village from Schleisingerville to the name of Slinger, and that said County Board adopt an ordinance to said effect in accordance with Section 59.08, subdivision (3) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated, May 3, A.D. 1921.

August Stork Village President Wm. G. Kratz Village Clerk



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THE DEVELOPMENT OF SLINGER

By: Larry Gundrum and Dean Otte

POPULATION			
	NUMBER OF		
YEAR	RESIDENTS		
1880	357		
1890	432		
1900	549*		
1910	538		
1920	730		
1930	760		
1940	775		
1950	919		
1960	1,141		
1970	1,216		
1980	1,612		
1990	2,340		
1993	2,938**		

* Includes 38 Italian railroad construction workers temporarily residing in Schleisingerville.

** Estimate for January, 1993, per State Department of Revenue.

Median Home Value 1992:	\$92,254
Average Household Income:	\$30,965 per 1990 census



10.34 NK This picture of East Washington Street was taken around 1915. On the left is St. Peter's old school. Next door is the convent. Further down the same side of the street, is the Baehring farm. The five houses on the right make up what was referred to as Beine's Subdivision. This area has been the sight of substantial development starting with Scenic Heights in 1954. Glenn Hill, Woodside Heights and St. Paul's subdivisions are now all to the left of East Washington Street. Cobblestone Corner and the Village Square Shopping Center are to the right.

SUBDIVISIONS

Baruch Schleisinger Weil purchased 1,950 acres of land in the Town of Polk from the U.S. Government at a cost of 25 cents per acre. On 527 acres he plotted the Village of Schleisingerville. The land was placed in his son's name and it wasn't until 1853 that B. S. Weil's name was added as an owner of many of the lots in Schleisingerville. The original lots in the village were valued at \$1. By 1852 the lot value reached \$10. In 1869, the year the village was incorporated, lot values ranged from \$15-\$30 and by 1880 the values ranged from \$25-\$40.

The 1860 census lists Baruch Schleisinger Weil's value of real estate owned at \$100,000. This value far exceeded that of any other land owner in the area.

DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPER	YEAR
Original Plat-Village of Schleisingerville	Julius Schleisinger	1848
First Addition to Schleisingerville	B. S. Weil and	1855
	Julius Schleisinger	
Addition to First Addition-Schleisingerville	B. S. Weil and	1860
	Julius Schleisinger	
Schleisingerville-Second Addition	B. S. Weil and	1860
	Julius Schleisinger	
Schleisingerville-Third Addition	Julius Schleisinger	1870
Union Cemetery	John Thiel and Ernst Grosskopf	1871
Survey John G. Keidel	John G. Keidel	1877
Rosenheimer's Subdivision	John & Joseph Rosenheimer	1895
Storck's Addition to Schleisingerville	Storck Brewing Company	1905



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DESCRIPTION

Storck's Second Addition to Schleisingerville South Park Addition to Schleisingerville

Thom's Addition to Schleisingerville Lawndale Park Addition to Schleisingerville Assessor Plat-Village of Slinger South Park #2 Scenic Heights

Moraine Hills Fairview Terrace Woodside Heights Woodside Heights Addition #1 Churchview Estates Scenic Moraine Park

Village of Slinger Assessor's Plat of 1986 Winter's Rolling Meadow

Glenn Hill Rauh's Homestead Elinor's Estates DEVELOPER

Storck Brewing Company	1905
Peter Malsack and	1911
Farmers Supply Company	
Albert Thom	1915
Joseph Rosenheimer	1919
Joseph Rosenheimer	1919
	1938
Slinger Volunteer Fire Dept	1953
Albert C. Thiel and	1954
Arnold Wickert	
Dr. Russell Heder	1968
Clarence, Norbert & James Weyer	1970
Clarence, Norbert & James Weyer	1971
Clarence, Norbert & James Weyer	1973
St. Paul's	1979
Fred Storm, Dale Halliburton	1982
and Daniel Schreiner	
	1986
Dr. Russell Heder & Wesley	1989
Herbst	
Herbert Puetzer	1989
Erwin Rauh	1991
JLN & Associates	1994

ANNEXATIONS

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CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT

Maple Ridge Fairview Condominiums Cobblestone Corner Maple Avenue Condominiums Mapleview Condominium Creekwood Condominiums Glenview Condominium Hillside Manor Schuberg Estates Condominiums

Donald Radtke	9-10-1984
Joseph Quick	8-26-1985
James Phillip	3-21-1988
JLN & Associates	5-27-1988
JLN & Associates	2- 8-1989
JLN & Associates	6-23-1989
Michael Gral	5-13-1991
JLN & Associates	2-24-1992
Darren Lee Von Heimburg	7-17-1992
and Michael Luthi	

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MAPS

1892 PLAT MAP

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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1915 PLAT MAP

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.



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.

Slinger Manufacturing Company, Inc.

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.





Maurice O. Holtan William J. Holtan

SCHLEISINGERVILLE









HIGHLIGHTS FROM VILLAGE BOARD MINUTES

As compiled by: Lorraine Schodron

On the 6th day of April, 1869, at nine o'clock a.m. of that day, there being several duly qualified and registered voters present, duly assembled at the school house in the school district No. 6 of the Town of Polk for the purpose of electing officers for the Village of Schleisingerville under and in pursuance of Section 4 of Chapter 284 of the private and Local Laws for the year 1869, and entitled to enact to incorporate the Village of Schleisingerville in the County of Washington, State of Wisconsin approved A.D. 1869.

Whereupon John Klingler was duly elected Moderator and John Brosius and Herman Perliwitz, Inspectors and Jacob Ehrling and R. Toll Clerks of such election, in due form of law and thereupon the officers last aforesaid immediately by opening the polls of the said election for the purpose aforesaid and continued the same open until 5 o'clock p.m. of the same day, when said polls were duly closed.

The following officers were elected by ballot to fill the respective offices, provided for by said Chapter of the Local Laws for the year 1869 and were so duly elected by said moderator to wit:

PRESIDENT:	John Pick	
TRUSTEES:	L. Rosenheimer	
	John Thiel	
	J. G. Menger	
	John Ehlert	
CLERK:	Jacob Oehrling	
TREASURER:	Wm. H. Hasketh	
ASSESSOR:	John Brosius	
JUSTICE OF PEACE:		
2 Years	John C. Toll	
MARSHALL:	Nic. Theisen	

April 17, 1869

Motion made and seconded that John Pick and L. Rosenheimer shall pay \$25 license and all other saloon keepers in the Village of Schleisingerville \$20, half of the above sum payable May 1, 1869, and the balance November 1, 1869. Motion and seconded that businesses in the Village of Schleisingerville which sell beer by the glass quart or in smaller quantities than half a keg will have to take license and be notified by marshal. Motion and second that an owner of a male dog will have to pay \$1 and that of a female dog \$2 tax.

April 24, 1869

Motion made and seconded that the freeholders of real estate on lots on east side of Franklin St. from Washington St. to the railroad are to grade the street for sidewalks extending ten feet from line of each lot into the street according to survey before July 1, 1869. Also to remove all obstructions within said limits such as shade trees, etc. Lumber for the east side of Franklin for the purpose will be furnished by the trustees of the Village in due season. White oak planks are to be used. (Later they were given to August 1869 to comply.) Throughout the year various freeholders had to be ordered to comply. Freeholders must keep sidewalks in repair and free from obstacles and snow.

June 21, 1869

A petition was presented by Nick Theisen and others requesting the board to provide for a jail for imprisonment of disorderly folks, said petition was put on file.

January 28, 1870

An ordinance was passed to license and regulate the traveling Theatre Exhibition, Public Show and other entertainment from \$5 to \$10 according to performers. Such ordinance posted in three different places.

April 11, 1870

Motion and seconded for the clerk to receive \$35 for this term.

September 2, 1870

On motion, the clerk is to give notice to marshal to notify freeholders to construct a sidewalk by September 15, 1870, and all repairing and graveling of the same, otherwise it will be done by the village and levied on the property.

December 1, 1870

Mr. John Thiel offered a resolution to fine every person \$5 for taking sand from the roads, and that every person shall receive \$2.50 for reporting such person. Resolution adopted.

October 13, 1871

The Marshal is to notify all freeholders that they are requested to remove all obstructions from recorded roads.

March 29, 1872

Hereafter the report of the Treasurer was received and approved, showing a balance of \$88.57.

April 16, 1872

The following resolutions were adopted. The Village Treasurer to receive 1 percent for collecting taxes. The Clerk to receive \$45 salary and the village to pay stationary. The Marshal shall receive \$10 salary.

May 30, 1873

A petition was handed in by several citizens of the Village of Schleisingerville requesting the Board of Trustees to pass an act prohibiting people within such corporation not to let cattle, hogs, or geese to run at large either on roads or sidewalks and keep them within their own bounds otherwise they shall be fined for such offenses 50 cents per head of cattle or hogs and 25 cents for geese per piece. This act took effect June 2nd at 1 o'clock. Men driving horse teams shall not be allowed to drive horses any faster than an ordinary pace nor shall they be allowed to get up a horse race side by side whereby people may be in danger. Anyone acting contrary to such ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to a fine of \$1 for the first offense and double that every next time, effective June 9th. Notices were to be written and posted to that effect.

September 10, 1873

Motion made and carried that the sidewalk on Franklin St. is to be made as prescribed on the west side. Such sidewalk to extend from Anton Menger up across the ditch in the following manner and is to be four feet wide up to ditch and eight feet wide across the ditch. On the east side the sidewalk is to be raised up to ditch and across ditch said sidewalk is to be 8 feet wide. Notice to be given to freeholders that they shall raise the sidewalk along their property and repair said walk by October 15th. Mr. Wolf and Mr. Wager were appointed for committee to see of furnishing planks and materials for sidewalks and also men for doing the work and to see that the work is done in a proper way.

January 5, 1874

Ordinance is passed that hereafter no public show, theater or any kind of exhibition shall be held in the Village of Schleisingerville unless permission granted by the board and to the amount which said board may regulate the price of said license. Notice to be posted by the Marshal.

April 12, 1879

Peter Merten made a motion that the President J. Rosenheimer should buy a proper book to record all chattel mortgages and other valuable papers and that the clerk should enter in said new book all such papers. Merten made motion to raise three mills road tax which was carried and accepted.

December 5, 1881

A bill was handed in by G. Menger, Jr. of 75 cents keeping a non-resident pauper. On motion of C. Roshe the bill was accepted.

January 29, 1883

A bill handed from Fred Kohl amounting to \$1.50 for lodging two paupers and accepted for payment upon motion.

March 22, 1883

Notice is given to the inhabitants of the Village of Schleisingerville that every person is forbidden to meet at public places or post office if in their houses or families occurs any contagious disease, dangerous to the public health. Persons so forbidden and to stay at their respective homes who need aid will call on the president of the village, who is empowered to take all such necessary steps to support the same persons during any such contagious disease. Dr. E. Roggers of Hartford is appointed by the said assigned Board of Health to investigate all cases brought to him or the president. His rules and regulations shall be strictly followed according to law made for such cases. All persons who neglect to comply with this ordinance shall forfeit not less than \$5 nor more than \$50 or imprisonment. Families afflicted with any such contagious disease shall have their houses identified with the proper name of the disease for the safety of the general public.

September 10, 1883

Motion made by John Rosenheimer that all absent members of the Board of Trustees, including clerk and all officers, of any meeting called for be fined \$1, and that one half of the fine shall be paid to the marshal for collection and the balance to the treasurer.

December 12, 1883

Resolution passed stating it has become necessary to build a new school building in District #6 of the Village and so that it not come too high on the taxpayers of the said Village all license monies now in the treasury are to be used for the building of said building, after having first paid all such bills that have been allowed for repairing the sidewalks in said Village.

December 29, 1883

A bill is approved by board in the amount of \$4.50 to have a prisoner for one day and two nights, and to a private citizen for boarding same prisoner in the amount of \$5.00.

April 26, 1884

A bill handed in by the clerk from Mrs. John Buch for keeping a stranger over night and two meals amounting to 74 cents accepted for payment.

April 21, 1885

Bill #1 of Charles Klose for lodging tramps, \$3.00, and Bill #2 of Nic Theisen for calling assistance to quell disturbance in village, \$3.00.

January 25, 1886

Motion made by Charles Ehlert to allow Peter Merten \$3.00 for service at the fire of Anton Setzler's house, the same accepted for payment.

May 28, 1886

Bill #2 by Charles Budde amounting to \$1 for assistant marshal to put tramps out of the village, same allowed for payment.

September 13, 1886

Bill #6 of John Buch for lodging tramps amounting \$9.75, same allowed for payment.

September 15, 1886

Bill of John Schuck was handed in amounting to \$1 for getting midwife for Mrs. Kurz, pauper. Same allowed for payment.

January 19, 1887

Motion made and carried that every dog in the Village of Schleisingerville which has got bitten from that mad dog which was around on the 17th and 18th of January have to be killed at once and others have to be chained up or muzzled for three weeks. Motion made and carried to notify each man with a written notice that William Schmidt and William Zuiliam have the authority to shoot all such dogs and bury them. Bill of William Schmidt amounting to \$1 for killing a mad dog allowed for payment.

April 22, 1887

Bill of William Schmidt amounting to \$3.75 for shooting and burying rabid dogs allowed for payment in full.

April 27, 1887

Bill of L. Rosenheimer amounting to \$30.13 for clothing for Klose's children and lumber on streets and for bond and license planks allowed for payment. Bill of Valentine Fischer amounting to \$24 for furnishing two burial cases to Charles Klose and Augusta Klose allowed for payment in full.

May 19, 1887

A resolution adopted to erect and build a police station in the Village. Resolution placed on file.

January 20, 1888

Motion made and carried not to pay more than one dollar for snow shoveling for a day on the streets of the Village when they are drifted with snow.

January 24, 1888

Ordinance that a sufficient number of street lanterns shall be bought and properly erected and that a suitable person shall be engaged to attend to those street lanterns.

March 7, 1910

Adelrich Addition to the Village of Schleisingerville accepted, approved and placed on file.

April 18, 1910

The clerk was instructed to advertise for sealed bids for the purpose of lighting the 19 street lamps; the bidder to furnish good oil, wicks and burners. The contract was awarded to A. Schodron for \$47.00 per lamp.

May 2, 1910

Part of a resolution--The platform of the two railroads are very much crowded by passengers during train time, specially during the summer months, and livery men, teamsters and others who have teams waiting near the platform are in the habit of leaving their teams, and standing, walking or even running on said platforms while trains are arriving or leaving, and the Board of Trustees have been advised by council that it possesses no legal authority to order such persons off the platforms and stay with their respective teams, and such actions on the part of said livery men and others are sometimes a source of danger to passengers and always a great annoyance. Therefore Be It Resolved that said railroad companies be and they are hereby requested by said Board to keep through its proper officers and agents all livery men, teamsters and other persons in charge of teams off said platforms and to stay with their respective teams.

July 12, 1910

Committee appointed to get estimates as to the costs of a water works system and to look over the West Bend system water works. Resolution for water works system.

Bill is approved to give the clerk \$45.33 for lighting the street lamps.



11.8A AB The crew constructing Schleisingerville's first water tower in 1911. This water tower had a 57,000 gallon capacity. It served the village until 1975.



16.12A LS Liebrecht Baehring, foreground, and Christian Baehring, background, digging the trenches for the water lines in Schleisingerville in 1911.

August 10, 1910

Ordinance adopted authorizing and directing the issuance of \$5,000 worth of water works bonds for village for the construction of a system of water works. At a vote of the electorate, 106 votes were cast, 62 in favor and 44 against the resolution. Bernard Schaefer was appointed to supervise the construction of the water works.

June 6, 1912

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Schleisingerville that the layout of block 3 of South Park Addition to the Village be and same is hereby approved.

Tuition paid to Hartford High School of \$110 for 1910-1911.

April 7, 1913

Motion made and carried to allow a man with a team 45 cents per hour and man 20 cents an hour for road work.

May 8, 1913

On recommendation of the Road Committee Otto Bartelt was duly appointed Marshal at a salary of \$50 per month.

A resolution strictly prohibiting the sprinkling of streets through the hydrants is adopted.

August 1, 1914

Ordinance authorizing village to erect, construct, install, maintain and operate an electric light transmission line from Hartford to furnish electric power for Slinger. (\$6,000 worth of bonds needed for the project.)



11.23A EW Slinger Electric Light Crew around 1914.

September 1, 1914

Motion made and duly carried that the sum of \$500 be taken out of the General Fund for the State Highway Improvement for which we will receive state and county aid, the purpose which is the improving of Franklin St. (Kettle Moraine Dr.) beginning at the Union Cemetery and southwesterly to Hartford Road.

October 6, 1914

Jail is moved to the Village Hall per request of the State Board of Control.

November 14, 1914

The Village is to purchase the Washington Co. Telephone Co. right and necessary poles for the sum of \$245.

December 7, 1914

Contract with the City of Hartford for electric current was actually signed.

August 3, 1915

Plat of Albert Thom Sr Addition to the Village adopted.

1917

The village sold the transmission lines and received the supply of electricity from Wisconsin Gas and Electric Company.

Village authorized to pay 25 cents per hour for roadwork and 50 cents an hour for a man with a team.

October 27, 1917

Special election to receive authorization to raise by direct taxation \$500 to pay for the already completed Washington Street.

\$250 was appropriated for the purchase of a hook and ladder truck for the village fire department.

February 4, 1918

Committee appointed to lease coal sheds from G. Wild for the purpose of going into the coal business, said committee to buy and sell coal.

March 8, 1918

All dogs must be tied up or muzzled, and if not and found they will be shot.

March 18, 1918

Upon motion made and seconded the Village of Schleisingerville will appropriate the sum not to exceed \$275 to the Fire Dept. for the purchase of a new Hook and Ladder Truck.

April 8, 1918

Resolved that the taxpayers of the Village of Schleisingerville favor the payment not exceeding \$1,000 toward the erection of a side track to lead up to the LaPoint Foundry Co.

May 3, 1919

Hauling and delivery of coal be left to Otto Bartelt and he has the authority to award the contract to whoever he sees fit.

May 3, 1919

Committee to take up with Slinger Band to erect a band stand for public concerts. Village appropriates \$70 out of special charity fund to be given to the band for concerts.

December 6, 1919

Ordinance passed prohibiting gambling. The village received a request from the Wisconsin Gas and Electric Company to avoid all unnecessary use of street lights to save coal.

February 7, 1920

Saloon license holders are allowed a rebate of \$91.67 each.

July 12, 1920

Motion made and carried to write to the C.M. St. Paul & P.R.R. for permission to place the cannon near the depot.

September 20, 1920

Special meeting called because of a shortage of water. Committee to go to neighboring communities to get an idea of cost of drilling a well.

June, 1921

Village to pay \$75.00 to the band and they in turn will furnish a concert once a week throughout the summer.

August 11, 1921

Motion made and carried to drill a 8" well, site to be selected by the Village Board.

March 7, 1922

Resolution adopted for the purpose of constructing, enlarging, extending and maintaining the plant and equipment of the Village for the transmission, delivery and furnishing of light to and for the public, to-wit: To construct, erect and maintain a street lighting system in the Village. Bonds in the amount of \$7,500 to be issued at a rate of 5% per annum.

April, 1922

Voted yes, 118, no, 57, for the referendum "for the purpose of constructing the plant and equipment of said village for the transmission, delivery and furnishing of light to the public, towit: to construct, erect and maintain a street lighting system ... \$7,500 in bonds to finance the project." The Western ElectricCompany got the bid to do the work.

1922

Mike Baier was contracted with to paint the water tower. Fee-\$85 and furnish his own paint. The fire department was given \$50 for the year as a maintenance fee.

June 13, 1922

Bid for the electric street lighting system was awarded to Western Electric for \$5,756.01, construction work to be done by the Monroe Electric Co. for \$1,500.

February 8, 1923

Fire Chief Fred Eggert paid \$15 for 1922 and Fire Dept. paid \$50 for 1922.

April 5, 1924

Laborers are to be paid 40 cents per hour and 75 cents per hour with teams.

August 5, 1924

Delegation of citizens appeared before the Village Board regarding the deluge caused by an excessive rainfall on Sunday night.

December 4, 1925

Marshal is to police streets on nights when dancing or other forms of amusement take place and deputize an assistant when necessary for \$4 per night.

February 2, 1926

The Quaker Medicine Show was issued a license to give four performances at \$10 a performance.

June 1, 1926

A committee representing the Slinger Fire Dept. appeared before the board with reference to having the Village purchase an electric siren. Motion made, seconded and carried to purchase a siren, not to exceed \$600.

October 7, 1927

Resolution adopted giving permission to Wis. Gas & Electric Co. to serve Carbon Engineering Co. with primary electric energy for a period of years. This enables Carbon Engineering Co. to locate in Slinger.

October 25, 1927

Installation of new village bookkeeping system outlined by the State of Wisconsin.

February 13, 1928

Special meeting called to discuss the Resolution for the acceptance of a street in the plat of Rosenheimer Subdivision III. Resolution adopted.

March 6, 1928

Complaints brought to the Board's attention in regard to the running at large of chickens and dogs. Matter referred to the proper committee with authority to act.

June 5, 1928

Otto Bartelt appointed chief dance supervisor with Charles Peil and John P. Kramer assistants.

November 8, 1928

John Feutz asked that a certain amount be put in the village budget each year for the fire department. Additional money raised by the department would be added to this fund and used for the purchase of a new fire truck.

December 3, 1929

Dr. P. M. Kauth and county nurse appeared in regard to inoculating children between the ages of 6 months. and 14 years against diphtheria. The village allowed \$2.00 per child.

November, 1930

The village advanced \$1,000 to the School Board.

July 8, 1931

Special meeting called for the purpose of deciding the size and location of a new well. 8" well to be drilled on the north side of the Pump House.

October 6, 1931

Meter is to be installed on the street lighting system and current be charged to the Light & Water Dept.

December 1, 1931

Community Christmas tree to be put up on Water Tower hill.

January, 1932

Village requested Electric Company to seek ways to lower the electric rate for consumers who were having difficulty in paying their bills.

May 2, 1933

The Village has the power to put all men to work who receive county aid, and if they refuse to work the aid will be taken away.

October 3, 1933

The subject of a sewerage system is discussed, but Village Board found the Village could not be bonded for the sum of money required for this. As there were no complaints against the present method, the subject was dropped.

November 21, 1933

Additional lots are purchased to enlarge the park.

July 7, 1934

Committee appointed to investigate the possibility of starting a shoe factory in Slinger as requested by a Mr. Bohn of Milwaukee.

September 7, 1934

The following projects were presented to the Wis. Emergency Relief Adm. in the Village: Reconstruct the water works system, cement the approach to the fire house and construct playgrounds, plant trees, seed and complete the park on N. Franklin St.

November 7, 1934

House numbering plans and street signs were adopted.

August 6, 1935

Much discussion again held on possibility of a sewerage system.

December 3, 1935

Any resident wishing services of the light and water dept. must pay a deposit unless a guarantee is signed by the landlord.

April 4, 1936

Resolution passed to have county buy all right of way and easements in the Village and resurface the West Cedar Lake Rd. (Kettle Moraine Dr. N.).

Carl Engelke and the Village in conjunction with the W.P.A. to complete an assessor's plat book to indicate each individual block, platted lots and correct the Village tax roll.

July 20, 1936

Resolution passed for tentative plans to be drawn for a sewerage system to be constructed under a W.P.A. project which would allow the Village a 45% grant.

August 4, 1936

Much discussion held on laying of a sidewalk across from Catholic Church--laid over.

October 10, 1936

Plans for Village Park are adopted to include a playground, swimming pool, wading pool and tennis court.

March 12, 1937

Resolution passed that the clerk is to file an application through the W.P.A. for a grant for the construction of a sewerage plant.

July 6, 1937

Motion made, seconded and carried for the collection of garbage--Mondays and Friday.

August 5, 1937

Public meeting to be held on 8/26 to see what the public wishes in regard to the sewerage system. Citizens did not wish to shoulder this burden at this time and it was laid over for a future date.

May 25, 1938

Village Clerk is to file an application through the W.P.A. for a grant for the construction of a sewerage system.

August 23, 1938

Plans and specifications for the sewerage system are open for public inspection.

March 27, 1939

Another resolution passed in regard to applying for aid for the sewerage system.

June 4, 1940

Oak Street is discussed for widening and to be extended to U.S. 41.

August 6, 1940

Petition presented to consider the construction of a sewerage system. The Board requests them to get more signers so the number would be 60% of total number of voters.

September 10, 1940

Meeting to be held with W.P.A. officials to discuss sewerage system.

July 1, 1941

Held & Kramer authorized to collect utility bills for \$75 per year.

July 17, 1941

After tavern keepers do not abide by their own rules of closing, an ordinance is passed prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in taverns between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m.

October 7, 1941

An extension of an electric line to Winter Hill (Little Switzerland) and purchase of a transformer is authorized.

April 13, 1942

Village to order necessary signs to post for sabotage prevention law for industries that are engaged in the manufacture of war needs.

November 17, 1942

Ordinance is adopted relating to the National Defense & Public Safety & Welfare during the war emergency and includes blackout regulating, air raid protection and safeguarding of public service in case of a public disaster.

January 5, 1943

Village purchases an honor roll for the names of all who are in the armed forces. (During the following years, various names are requested to be put on this honor roll.)

May 18, 1943

Resolution filed with the Local Draft Board asking for a reclassification of the clerk because it takes some time to train and select a new clerk, but on 11/7/1943 clerk is drafted into the Navy.

March 6, 1945

International truck is purchased from Kletti Bros. for \$1,464.

June 5, 1945

Resolution sent to State to repeal and amend the unfair antinatural gas laws now on the statute books as per request from Milwaukee Gas Light Company.

July 2, 1945

Viliage adopts an ordinance authorizing the Milwaukee Gas Light Company to substitute natural gas for distribution in the Village.

August 7, 1945

Additional transformers are installed by Wis. Gas & Electric Co. to provide additional power to the Village.

October 1, 1945

It is decided to apply blacktop to Hill St. as soon as it can be had from the County.

October 30, 1946

Water service to be extended to Howard St. as per request from Joseph Eiche when his house is built there.

January 2, 1946

Resolution adopted authorizing the Village to file with the Federal Works Agency for an advance to pay the engineering for the preparation of plans and specifications for a sewerage system. Contract entered into with McMahon Engineering of Menasha as engineers.

July 2, 1946

Clerk is ordered to prepare the utility bills and collect same.

April 16, 1946

Land purchased from Horsch Estate for \$125 per acre for a village dump.

November 5, 1946

Resolution adopted connecting Pierce & Polk St. by the extension of Elm Street.

February 26, 1947

Notices are published advertising for the bids for the construction of the sewerage mains. Contract awarded to Tomaro Construction of Cudahy for \$82,482.70. Mullaney, Ross & Co. of Chicago to purchase \$125,000 sewerage system mortgage bonds at .96 to bear 3% interest.

July 29, 1947

Verbal agreement with Walter Fillman and Carbon Engineering for land for disposal plant. Fillman, \$200 per acre and Carbon to exchange their land for a lateral to their plan. Board agrees.

December 15, 1948

Jim Dickinson hired as an extra utility man.

March 1, 1949

Contract accepted from Westinghouse Electric to install mercury vapor street lights from south end of Rector S. to Geldnich's corner and south side of Catholic Church to overhead bridge on Washington St. (Rector S. is Kettle Moraine Dr. S.)

May 3, 1949

Sheriff's Dept. is asked if they can provide for officer control during days when they have races at the Midget Race Track.

July 5, 1950

Robert Scott hired as inspector at the new sewer plant.

April 3, 1951

A representative of the PTA appeared regarding the use of the Village Hall as a public library. The PTA would furnish the necessary bookcases and shelves. Request was granted.

May, 1951

Serious fire at the Slinger Foundry Co.

May 1, 1951

Resolution adopted entitling employees and elected officials and all part-time position officers to come under social security.

May 8, 1951

Contract was let to M.P. Garrity for the construction of curb and gutter to be assessed against the property benefited.

February 5, 1952

Twelve additional mercury vapor street lights are installed.

May 3, 1952

Slinger Outdoor Theater begins operations.

July 1, 1952

Due to Otto Bartelt illness, he resigns and Jim Dickinson assumes all of his duties.

October 11, 1955

To comply with the State Board of Health no more burning may be done at the dump and all garbage must be landfilled 6" deep.

November 1, 1955

Chairman of Light Dept. reported on purchase of substation. After discussion it was decided to buy same, all trustees voting in favor.

January 15, 1957

Bid for new substation given to Crescent Elec. \$29,500 for equipment and Hooper Elec. \$15,905 for installation.

February 4, 1958

Notices sent to all home owners and business places that they must connect to the sewer system within 90 days or the Village will do so at the owner's expense.

March 4, 1958

J. Dickinson reports all service south of Soo Line tracks has been transferred to the new substation and the balance of the Village will be by March 10th.

May 1, 1958

Justice of the Peace to hold court at the Village Hall at least one night per week. Monthly report--11 Village cases, 17 county and state cases.

May 6, 1958

Conservation Dept. is planning to stock the pond at the School with fishing privileges for children up to 12 years of age.

February 2, 1959

Bids are awarded for the construction of a new pump house on W. Washington St. Construction cannot start until new well is drilled and in operation, which is expected to be in March of 1959.

June 6, 1959

Bids are opened for the installation of sanitary sewer, water mains and storm sewer on Hwys. 144 & 175. Bid awarded to C.F. Kalupa for \$88,634.90.

Assessments for work--\$2.20 per front footage for 6" water main, \$2.50 for sanitary sewer, corner lots billed 2/3 of total frontage costs.

August 18, 1959

Public hearing held for property owners abutting Franklin St. and Rector St. (Kettle Moraine Dr.) regarding a re-constructed street to be built through the Village.

March 15, 1960

Resolution approving the plans of the State Highway Commission on highway project.



JG Ribbon cutting ceremony after the reconstruction of Franklin and Rector Streets in 1960. The name of the street was changed to Kettle Moraine Drive in 1963. Shown in this photograph are, left to right: Louise Kramer, Art Duehning, Al Kuehn, Herbert Ninnemann, Richard Rosche, Art Krenn, Assemblyman Elmer Schowalter, Fred Thiel, Arnold Malsack, Sylvester Strupp, and Hubert Kreuser.

April 20, 1961

Resolution approving the plans of the State Highway Commission on highway project (144) Hwy. 175 to AA.

May 1, 1961

Motion made to contract with Duehning Inc. to rebuild Hartford Road from the railroad tracks to Village limits.

October, 1961

Street grade prepared for Elm Ave.

April 3, 1963

Referendum to be drawn up in regard to changing name of Franklin S., Rector St. and Cedar Lake Road to Kettle Moraine Dr. Cost of referendum--\$47.

Curb & gutter project on Buchanan and Oak Streets to proceed as soon as plans and specifications are received from engineers.

June 4, 1963

Contract awarded to Scott Construction for the resurfacing and seal coating of Thom Rd. (Slinger Rd.), Hartford Road, Howard St., Storck St., Water St. & Elm St.

Transformer to be installed at new Slinger High School.

October, 1963

Water mains laid west on State Hwy. 60.

December 3, 1963

New street signs ordered for entire Village.

1964

Curb, gutter, sidewalk and street improvements done on Oak St. and Buchanan St. Contract awarded to Lifetime Construction.

February 4, 1964

Raymond Peil appointed for Police Chief in 1964.

March 17, 1964

Lifetime Construction awarded contract for installation of curb, gutter, sidewalk and street project on Lawndale Ave.

May 22, 1964

Public hearing held for the installation of automatic signals on railroad crossing on Hwy. 144.

March 2, 1965

Petition signed by 367 people and sent to State Highway Dept. for stop and go signals on 144 and 175. This was later denied by the State Hwy. Dept.

April 20, 1965

Zoning map approved for the Village--can be amended as needed.

October 6, 1964

Motion made to accept the new school road as a Village street. School to maintain street and they have authorization to barricade the street during school hours.

1966

Dico Company locates in Slinger.

March 1, 1966

Lifetime Construction awarded contract for installation of curb, gutter, sidewalk and street for Oak, Pierce & Chestnut Streets.

April 5, 1966

May 2 through May 7, 1966, is proclaimed as Clean Up Week. Dump to be opened to the public for that week.

August 2, 1966

Parkway Drive dedicated as a Village Street.

October 4, 1966 State park planner to assist in planning of Village parks.

November 1, 1966

First squad car purchased from Kletti Bros.

February 7, 1967

Master plan sent to State for matching funds for development of new Village park known as Fireman's Park. Bequest fund totals \$6,580 (Hattie Dhein Estate).

April 4, 1967

Contract given to Nolte & Son to do a complete layout of Fireman's Park. Aid applied for from the State.

August 8, 1967

Contract given to Guelig Bros. for construction of Heder Dr.

August 22, 1967

Fred Kubicek selected as full-time employee.

June 1, 1968

State Highway Dept. again sent a petition for stop & go lights on Hwy. 144 and 175. Again refused.

1968

MBW Inc. builds plant in Slinger

June 2, 1969

Skiview Ct. accepted as Village street.

July 1, 1969

Time capsule was discussed by Eli Gebhard. Also discussed papers and documents that are to be placed and are placed in said capsule. Requested all Village officials to sign the first copy of the Centennial Booklet and also placed that copy into the capsule. A letter written by Eli Gebhard in regards to combined church services held on Sunday, June 29, 1969, at the High School, during the Centennial read as follows: The highlight of the Village of Slinger Centennial was the Ecumenical Service of the combined parishes of St. John's United Church of Christ and the St. Peter's Catholic Church which was scheduled to be held at the Slinger Speedway. Due to the early morning rain the service consisting of a Protestant service and a Roman Catholic Mass was celebrated by Rev. Priestaf and Rev. Robert Wolf was held at the High School gym. The combined choirs of the two parishes sang and the bell ringers from St. John's played. The trumpet and trombone section was also used. The service lasted approximately one and one-half hours. About 200 persons received communion. Sister Romilda led the choir in song. Rev. Priestaf had the first part of the service and gave the sermon. Father Wolf completed the Mass and the closing prayers. We all feel that this may be the start of the Ecumenical movement which Pope John the 23rd was trying to bring about in the world movement of churches, and the seed that was sown today could lead to more services of this kind in the very near future. In leaving the service, one could not help but feel that this was truly the most important achievement of the Centennial. I hope that the spirit which God created among the Slinger people through the combined service and the Centennial will live for many, many (Written by Eli Gebhard, Slinger Advancement vears. Association president and co-chairman of the Slinger Centennial Committee.)

1969

Hansen's Store on Kettle Moraine Dr. N. constructed.

January 6, 1970

Permission given for 4-H Clubs in Slinger to plant 1,000 trees on Yankee Hill.

April 7, 1970

Motion to accept apartment plans of Weyer Bros. on Maple Ave. S.

May 31, 1970 Fireman's Park dedicated--named Fireman's Community Park.

JG Ribbon cutting ceremonies at the new Fireman's Park in 1970. Park Commission Chairman Eli Gebhard and Village President Jack Giudice in the foreground. Also shown left to right: Jerry Gundrum who gave a history of the park's development, Pat Meyer, Fire Chief Cy Wolf, Father Robert Wolf, and Reverend Donald Priestaff. Fire Department members are in the background. The Village is presently working on an addition to Fireman's Park which will include swimming, volleyball, tobogganing and other playground areas.

September 1, 1970

Community Park development begins. Land to be purchased for expanding park through State ORAP Grant.

August 3, 1971

Norman Krueger starts as part-time worker.

October 5, 1971

Acme Disposal contracted with for dumping of Village refuse in Town of Polk landfill site. Village dump closed.

October 19, 1971

1967 Elgin Peligan street sweeper from Bruce Equipment is purchased.

December 7, 1971

Contract entered into with Nolte Associates for development of Community Park.

February 1, 1972

Village tax roll to be computed by H.C. Miller Computer Services.

May 2, 1972

Village accepts Baehring Dr. and Tennies Dr. for the purpose of mail delivery.

August 1, 1972

Village challenges Bureau of Census which shows Slinger population to be 1,022--Village took census and shows 1,395.

September 13, 1972

Village again asks for stop and go signals, traffic count shows 6,508 vehicles and 397 pedestrians. State places stop sign at intersection until such time as stop and go signals are put up in their future signalization (on 11-7-72).

June 5, 1973

Resolution adopted for new water tower funds.

July 3, 1973

Discussion held on cutting 22 feet off of Water Tower Hill. Motion was made to leave as is and erect a 250,000 gallon water tank.

October 2, 1973

Plans for Village Square Shopping Center approved.

February 7, 1974

Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. awarded contract for 250,000 gallon water tower.



VOS Slinger's water tower, which had been sprouting leaks for several years, was finally replaced in 1975. The old 57,000 gallon tower which was built in 1911 was replaced with a new 250,000 gallon tower. Construction work was performed by Chicago Bridge & Steel Co. at a cost of approximately \$146,000.

August 6, 1974

Soo Line Railroad Co. to remodel crossing for \$24,100.

March 4, 1974

Traffic signals again denied by State Highway Dept.

May 6, 1975

Land for new electric substation on S. Maple Ave. donated by Weyer Bros.

1975

Dairyland Harvestore builds on State Hwy. 60.

March 2, 1976

By Public Service Commission ruling, PCA (Power Cost Adjustment) rates to be added to all electric bills.

April 6, 1976

Letters were presented to the Village Board for reading and signatures thanking the Village of Fox Point for loan of wood chipper and employees of the Village of Fox Point, namely Albert Funk, Robert Beine and Richard Beine for running the chipper. The Village Board discussed plans for rewarding other Village citizens who helped in the clean-up operation at some future date. (This concerns the ice storm of 1976.)

April 20, 1976

Resolution adopted for the planning of a new sewerage disposal plant. DNR states no more building in the Village of Slinger as far as sewer extensions or mains are concerned until new plant is in full operation. (In future years only certain number of building permits were given each year.)

September 23, 1976

Motion made to purchase four acres of land from Weyer Bros. for \$20,000 for site of new Municipal Building on Slinger Road.

February 1, 1977

Village is to lease old bank building quarters for use as Village offices for one year with an option for a second year.

May 3, 1977

Resolution adopted to authorize General Obligation Bonds for new sewerage disposal plant in amount of \$425,000.

September 6, 1977

Bureau of Census estimates population for 1977 is 1,634.



VOS Slinger's new sewer plant, constructed in 1981. The completion of this plant resulted in the lifting of a building moratorium which was then in effect.

October 4, 1977

Letter received from Dico Company as follows: We have received your letter in which you tell of the Village's need for 16.71 acres of our property to construct a new sewerage treatment plant. It is our intention to make the described property available to the Village for this purpose so that you may proceed with your plans of construction. In lieu of the costs which will be incurred by the Village, Dico Company has elected to donate this parcel of land to the Village. A deed of this date is being prepared separately to grant title to the property to the Village of Slinger.

November 29, 1977

Dean Otte appointed as Village Clerk--training period January-April, 1978.

January 3, 1978

The following letter was read by President Wolf from St. John's U.C.C. "In behalf of St. John's Congregation, I wish to express my appreciation for the fine work done by the crew on snow removal throughout the Village. We were having a bit of a time on the hill but you took care of us in good order and we are grateful to you. Also want to express my appreciation for the street decorations and Christmas tree soon to be erected. It's great to be living in Slinger. Many thanks and a blessed Christmas to all."

February 7, 1978

Name of street in Community Park named Community Drive.

1978

Village Square Shopping Center #2 is constructed.

February 11, 1978

Alan Theile is hired as new Sewer Plant Operator.

March 11, 1978

Allan Groose, Architect, hired to draw up plans for a new Municipal Building.

July 18, 1978

Contract awarded for Municipal Building to Bill Doll Construction for general contractor, Horsch & Miller, plumbing, Mohrhusen, heating; Kirschner, electric.



VOS Wisconsin Governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus came to help Slinger dedicate its new Community Hall in 1979. Pictured here from left to right: Dan Benedum, Pat Meyer, Larry Krenn, John Merkt, Steve Thiel, Gov. Lee S. Dreyfus, Village President Norman Doll, Erwin Rauh, Bob Schulteis, Al Zimmerman and Dean Otte.



POST OFFICE

By: Larry Gundrum and David Gramins

Record of the Post Office Department in the National Archives of the U.S. Government show that the post office at Slinger, Washington County, was established as SCHLEISINGERVILLE on April 9, 1850. Its name was changed to SLINGER on December 22, 1921. Names of postmasters and dates of their appointments were:

> Jesse Wood George Ippel **Timothy Hall** Thomas Jenner Anna M. Jenner Philippe Lefebvre William H. Hesketh John Rosenheimer Sr. John Rosenheimer Jr. Theodore Koenings Michael E. Gensman John Feutz John Kippenhan John C. Killeen **Thomas Hartley David Gramins**

April, 1850 August, 1853 October, 1853 December, 1854 November, 1855 November, 1867 April, 1869 January, 1877 June, 1915 March, 1917 December, 1921 March, 1927 July, 1936 August, 1952 September, 1975 February, 1991

Current delivery statistics include about 2,200 rural and village deliveries and 350 post office boxes. Gross receipts in fiscal year 1993 were \$458,132.

HARTFORD TIMES PRESS, JANUARY 12, 1917: Congressman Burke having recommended the appointment of Theo Koenings for the local postmastership, the succulent plum from the Democratic tree will no doubt fall into the latter's lap. The office brings an annual salary of \$1,200 and \$800 is allowed for an assistant. There is some talk of removing the post office to some place more centrally located. John Rosenheimer Jr., the present postmaster, has been in office since July 8th, 1915, and prior to that, as far back as January 29, 1877, his father was the incumbent. For almost 40 years the local post office has been in the hands of the Rosenheimers, father and son, respectively.

NOTE: The post office was moved to the old Odd Fellows Lodge at what is now 309 Kettle Moraine Dr. S.



4.20 MS William Herbst rural mail carrier from 1904 to 1919.



6.36 RK John Rosenheimer Sr. ran the post office out of his building.



17.2 DG Bill Duehning, rural mail carrier, with this unusual delivery truck. The front wheels were replaced with skis to help fight the heavy snow and poor road conditions. This picture was taken prior to Bill's death in 1932.

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Jim Feyrer moved to the Town of Polk in May 1979. After having been in the home remodeling business since 1960 Jim decided to relocate from Milwaukee to the Slinger area. Craftsmen Siding Co. was started with Jim and two workmen; his son and son-in-law.

Jim's first involvement in the community came in 1976, when he chaired activities and games for the Bicentennial celebration. After being involved with the Milwaukee Area Boy Scouts, Jim decided to become involved with camping and Scout-O-Rama in the Washington and Ozaukee Co. areas while still overseeing Camp Journal construction activities. In all, this leads to a total of forty years in scouting.

In 1976 Jim joined the Slinger Allenton Rotary Club and he served as president in 1986-87. During that year Jim supervised the building of the Slinger High School Press Box. As a Rotarian he co-chaired the Blood Drive and was active in the youth exchange program. In 1981 Jim decided to start a Craftsmen Scholarship for Slinger High School students, this continued until 1990.

In 1994, Craftsmen Siding Co., consisting if Jim and his two sons, Dan and Jeff and daughter Sue, has grown to service over 300 homes per year, and employ 25 people. In all his years of servicing this community Jim has found it to be a great area, to live as well as build a business.

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CHVRCHES

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ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The congregation of St. John was organized in 1848, the same year that Wisconsin became a state. At first, religious meetings were held in a log house upon a piece of land on which our present church stands, the land was purchased from Julius Schleisinger for the sum of one dollar. St. John's United Evangelical Lutheran Church was adopted as the name of this congregation in 1854.

Records of the very early years were destroyed by fire. The earliest pastors were no doubt of the "circuit rider" type who came at irregular intervals to hold services and to take care of weddings and baptisms.

Prior to 1850 the Reverend Fuchs and Reverend Sauer served as pastors. Reverend Meiss was our first resident pastor in 1850. The Gospel was preached entirely in the German language during these times.

The Civil War was at its height when teams of oxen hauled stones to the top of the hill for the erection of a substantial stone building at a cost of \$3,000. This church, which is still our house of worship, was dedicated on September 14, 1864.



6.26 RK St. John's Old Stone Church was constructed around 1863 during the Civil War. The tower clock was built in 1880 by Bernhard Schaefer. He made everything that went into the clock himself except for the iron wheels which he designed and had made at Fred Rosche's Foundry.

Friction arose between the Lutheran and Reformed groups within the congregation and several families severed their membership with St. John's and organized St. Paul Lutheran Church here in Slinger in 1875.

In 1889 St. John's congregation became a member of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

It was in 1891 the Ladies Aid was organized and today it is known as the Women's Fellowship. Around 1896 the Hartford and Slinger congregations were served by one pastor who resided in Hartford.



1.33A LRR 1897 confirmation, Palm Sunday: Heinrich Wehrenberg, George Nehm, Robert Matte, Frank Hoff, August Storck, Phil Frey, Albert Uber, Phil (Mark) Frey, Edmund Kletti, Albert Thom, Carl Reinhardt, Albert Menger, George Holl, Albrecht Doller, Karl Diefenbach, Rike Zimmermann, Rose Wickert, Elsa Witthauer, Julie Gensmann, Kathe Diefenbach, Marie Kletti, Luise Kortemeyer, Alma Kuhaupt, Clara Zihlsdorf, Bertha Uber.



1.17A LRR St. John's UCC, Slinger, 1903. Front row: Hattie Loos, Ella Herther, Julia Schubert, Clara Kratz. Middle row: Emil Blankenagle, Charles Nehm, Isabelle Mueller, Arthur Frey, Alma Ise, Paul Holl, Erna Klug, Rev. Blankenagle. Back row: Herman Schubert, Albert Gensman, Ed Uber, Henry Diefenbach, Hugo Reinhardt, Oscar Hetzel.

The interior of the church was completely renovated in 1899. This included painting of the walls, a new altar and pulpit, new pews and new windows at a total cost of \$1,353.15.

We elected our own resident pastor, Reverend H. Mueller, in 1908. At that time a new parsonage was built at a cost of \$2,200.

In 1923 a Schaefer pipe organ was purchased by the Ladies Aid. That same year a basement was excavated under the church.



2.10 MS St. John's Church after reconstruction in 1949.

Remodeling of St. John's was begun in 1949, and on December 10, 1950, the rededication of the church took place. In 1953 the present parsonage just behind the church was purchased and the original parsonage was sold.

During the early years several pastors served the congregation for short periods of time. Later pastors included the following persons:

1920-1927	Reverend Eugene Wilking
1927-1930	Reverend Carl Eller
1930-1941	Reverend E. Roth
1941-1946	Reverend Curt Schmeichen
1946-1953	Reverend Robert Volkert
1953-1960	Reverend Robert Kasper
1960-1964	Reverend William Schwemmer
1964-1985	Reverend Donald Priestaf
1985-1987	Reverend Roy Alberswerth
1987-1993	Reverend Vernon Clausing
1993-1994	Reverend Sandra Palmer
1994-	Reverend David Borglum

It was in 1948 we became members of the United Church of Christ, which is a union of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical Reformed Church.

A children's choir, senior choir and English Handbell choir enhance our worship services.

The building adjacent to the church serves as our education facility and houses Sunday church school rooms, the office of the church secretary as well as the Pastor's study.

The various changes and mergers which have occurred over the past 146 years have been important steps in our Christian history at St. John's United Church of Christ.

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The history of Lutheranism in Slinger goes back to the 1840's. On December 8, 1849, five pastors met at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Milwaukee to make plans for the formation of the "First Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin." One of those in attendance was a Pastor Paul Meiss. He was serving German immigrants in Schleisingerville (Slinger) and the surrounding area.

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, however, was not organized as a congregation until May 19, 1873. It immediately joined the First Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin, now called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Rev. Albert Opitz of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hartford served the congregation as its first pastor. He served from 1873 to 1880. He was succeeded by Pastor C. Probst who served Peace in Hartford and St. Paul in Slinger from 1881-1909.

The congregation purchased the so-called "Doctor's House" in February of 1875 for \$1,200. This served as the house of worship until 1886. In that year the congregation built the church at 204 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. This served St. Paul as a house of worship for nearly 100 years. It is still being used by St. Athanasius Anglican Mission.



2.13 TR St. Paul's Church was built in 1886. It currently is St. Athanasius Anglican Catholic Church at 204 Kettle Moraine Dr. S.

In 1979 the congregation erected the present building at 799 St. Paul Drive. A bell tower/office/classroom complex was added in 1990.



LG St. Paul's new church built in 1979.

When St. Paul moved from 204 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. it removed the bells from the steeple. The bells remained silent for 12 years until the Bell Tower was built. St. Paul first used the bells in 1889 to call worshippers to Easter services. The bells were put into service for the second time on Easter Sunday, March 31, 1991. The total cost of the bells in 1889 was \$324.45.

By 1909 the congregation was strong enough to support a pastor on its own. Pastor L. Ave Lallemant served for one year. During his pastorate, a parsonage was built at 215 Kettle Moraine Dr. S.

After the death of Paster L. Ave Lallemant, the congregation was served by Pastors C. Auerswald (1910-1916), Rudolph Bergfield (1916-1922), and Arthur Lengling (1924-1937).

On August 9, 1925, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cedar Lake (Town of West Bend) called Pastor Lengling to seve them also. Since that time the two St. Pauls have been served by the same pastor. St. Paul of Cedar Lake is located at the corner of Highway Z and German Village Road.

Pastor Erwin Scharf followed Pastor Lengling. He served from 1937 to 1944. He interrupted his pastorate during the second World War to serve as a civilian chaplain. During his absence the congregation was served by Pastor Norbert Reim.

Pastor Frederick Gilbert followed Pastor Scharf. He served from 1944-1957. It was during his pastorate that the congregation purchased an organ built by the Schaefer Organ Company of Slinger. This is another item the congregation took with it when it moved to its present location in 1979.

There was talk of enlarging the church during the 50's and 60's. A temporary solution to the space problem was found when the congregation purchased the "Hausfeldt property" at 206 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. in 1957. This was used for Sunday School classes.

Pastor John Ruege served the congregation from 1957-1961. He was followed by Pastor Lester Groth who served from 1962-1971. During these years sentiment shifted from addition to relocation. This came to fruition during the pastorate of Theodore Horneber who served from 1971-1980. As a part of this relocation, the congregation sold the old parsonage and bought a new one at 509 Highview Drive and developed the Churchview Estates subdivision.

Pastor George Enderle followed Pastor Horneber. He is still serving the two St. Pauls.

In the fall of 1985 the congregation opened a preschool, St. Paul Little Learners' Smile Center. Mrs. Sharon Burow served as administrator from 1985-1989. Mr. Dale Marquardt took over in the fall of 1990 and served through the 1992-1993 school year. The present administrator is Mrs. Angela Weber.

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

The beautiful, rolling green hills and fields of the Kettle Moraine attracted many settlers from Germany to this area in the mid-1800's, especially since the similarity of the terrain to their native land made them feel at home.

Establishing farms and businesses around the developing commercial hub of Schleisingerville, these early people of faith welcomed missionary priests on horseback into their homes for prayers of worship and thanksgiving.

Father Casper Rehrl was one of those great "circuit-rider" missionaries who established St. Peter's in 1856.

With the creation of St. Peter Parish, a small log church was built on or near the present site on land that had been the Engelhardt farm, and was served as a mission of St. Lawrence, from Barton, for nine years.

In 1865, Father Deisenrieder became the first resident pastor of the ever-growing Catholic community, increasing to 154 families by 1899.



5.24A MS St. Peter's old school was constructed during the term of Rev. Paul Geyer 1881-1882. It was used by St. Peter's until the new school was completed in 1949. At that time, the old school was razed.

A two-story brick school was built near the church in 1881/82, heated with pot bellied stoves. Fr. Paul Geyer arranged for the School Sisters of St. Francis to teach at the new school, where they continued their service for 110 years until 1991. The rectory was built in 1912 at a cost of \$7,000 by Fr. William Bruecker. A new school was built under the direction of Fr. George Jentges in 1949. Also under his



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direction, a convent was built in 1959 and a second floor was added to the school.

The exterior of the present St. Peter's Church has remained larglely unchanged for the past 100 years. The 113 x 49 foot, cream city brick structure was built in 1892 at the direction of Fr. Carl Grobschmidt, at a cost of \$19,300, and was blessed by Archbishop Katzer on May 1, 1893, while confirming 78 parishioners.



5.2 MS St. Peters around 1920. The Church was constructed in 1893. Rectory constructed after 1912. The old school was constructed in 1882. The Sister's home was constructed around 1872.

Long recognized as a local landmark, the four-sided steeple clock and bell tower rises 138 feet above the town. Three melodious bells sound from the tower. The large bell and the middle bell were installed in 1886; the small bell was added in 1915. They were cast by the Henry Stuckstede Bell Foundry located in St. Louis, Missouri. Now newly restored, the bells and bell tower are illuminated at night and truly enhance the classic beauty of the building.

Designed to inspire awe and a sense of spiritual uplifting, three majestic altars grace the Sanctuary, surrounding the focal point, the altar of Sacrifice. Hand carved of cherry and walnut woods, beautifully and atristically frescoed in a style reminiscent of the lovely churches of Europe, they remain treasured works of art.

Two of the ten original stained glass windows were replaced to accommodate the new exit on the north front elevation, and opposite on the south elevation.

Music has always been a part of prayer and worship at St. Peter's, and since the summer of 1919, the people have enjoyed the sound of a wonderful romantic pipe organ. It was made and installed by the B. Schaefer and Sons Organ Co. of Schleisingerville for the sum of \$2,900, minus a \$400 allowance for the old original organ, and a \$500 donation from the Schaefer Organ Co. (Coincidentally, the first wedding in the new church in the fall of 1892 was between Mary Merten and Frank Schaefer of that family.)

For 50 years, 1941-1991, the organ was joyfully and ably played by Sr. Romilda Simon, SSSF, teacher, conductor, liturgist. Included in the 1993 renovation, the organ has been completely restored and rejuvenated with the addition of a new console, wind chests, and three new ranks of pipes, giving it a more classical sound, all for considerably more than the cost of the original instrument! In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the building of the present church, and looking ahead to the next 100 years, the Parish of St. Peter's embarked on a program of renovation and change under the direction of Fr. Robert Bales beginning the fall of 1992 and happily concluding in the summer of 1993.

While taking pride in the accomplishments, hard work, and sacrifice needed for the renewal and renovation of our beloved church building, we remember that "Church" is more than brick and paint, wood and plaster. It is the 1,075 families of St. Peter's today, the thousands of faithful parishioners over the past 100 years, and the people of the future who will worship here.

ST. ATHANASIUS ANGLICAN CHURCH



8.26 MS St. Paul's Church completed in 1886. Now St. Athanasius.

A small group of people purchased the former St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church building in June, 1980. They renamed it as St. Athanasius Anglican Mission. The Rt. Rev. Roland Randolph from the Diocese of The Holy Cross, Consecrated and Dedicated the building for Catholic Sacramental use during Holy Week 1981 A.D.

Father Wilfred Benzing has served St. Athanasius as Pastor to the present. St. Athanasius Church is a Parish for those who are longing for The Sacramental Life and the beauty of liturgical worship.

The building has remained predominately the same except for some minor changes with the communion rail.

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Slinger Education Association

SCHOOL DAYS

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THE FIRST SCHOOLS

In 1854, the first one-room school was taught by Mr. Heskit in the old St. John's Church. The location moved to the village hall the next year. The first school building was constructed on Buchanan Street in 1866. This log structure was replaced in 1885 when a new city hall-school building was built on the present site of the fire department.



6.5 RK The second public grade school building in Schleisingerville. It was constructed in 1885. The building was also used as the city hall and was located at the present site of the Slinger Fire Department.



1.19A LRR The public school graduation class of 1909 posed for pictures after receiving their eighth grade diplomas. Seated, left to right, are Lester Reichart, Walter Kratz, Elda Kaiser, Carrie Thiel, and George Mertz. Standing are Principal William O. Meilahn, Edwin Kratz, Frances Schodron, Elmer Baehring, Amanda Gensman, and Anna Theisen.

The first high school building was completed in Schleisingerville in 1910, eliminating the need for older students to travel to Hartford. The school received its charter from the state in 1914 and held its first graduation in spring, 1915. The original high school building is still in use today, housing a variety of elementary and middle school classes.



6.29 RK The first high school in Schleisingerville, built in 1910.

Besides offering a basic curriculum, the high school also fielded both boys and girls basketball teams as early as 1916. The boys team won the eight-team Tri-County tournament championship in 1923. Cardinal and white were adopted as the school's colors in 1930.



2.35 MS The 1922 gymnasium and classroom addition.

An addition was completed in 1922 that included a gymnasium and more classrooms. Slinger beat Campbellsport, 81-10, in the first game played in the new gym (which today is the elementary gymnasium). Six more additions to the building were added between 1948 and 1989 to form the present Slinger Elementary and Middle School complex.



8.12 SS The 1955 and 1957 elementary classroom additions.

Among the first principals were William O. Meilahn, W. E. Clark, Walter Schuman, E. Grant Schnyder, Harry Shesky, and Carl Eisemann.

CONSOLIDATION

The State of Wisconsin consolidated schools in this area in the late 1950's, creating the current School District of Slinger, with a total enrollment of over 1,000 students districtwide. A number of smaller one- and two-room schools were closed and a new Allenton Elementary opened in 1964. Because of continuing enrollment growth, the Allenton building was doubled in size in 1989.

The district currently serves all or part of seven municipalities, including the Towns of Addison, Hartford, Polk, Richfield and West Bend and the Villages of Jackson and Slinger.

The first administrator to be named as superintendent was Gus Boll in the 1950's. Stanley Sprehn and Ron Rueckl led the district from the 1960's until 1989 when Mark Heyerdahl, the current district administrator was appointed.

Among the principals who previously guided various schools have been Richard Nowicki, Pat Hoffman, and Terry Taylor. Kevin Bacon is the current middle school principal, Sarah Bernhard leads Slinger Elementary, Michael Hohner is in charge at Allenton Elementary, and Joe Wikrent is the high school principal.

THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL

High school classes moved to the present high school building in 1964. New outdoor athletic fields and a track were added in 1965 and were some of the best in the Scenic Moraine Conference which Slinger belonged to from 1958 to 1980. Previously, football and baseball games were played at the Community Park "downtown" when the high school played in both the 4C and Southeast Conferences.



SCS A view of the latest expansion of the 1964 high school building. To the right are the new district offices, with the new gymnasium and auditorium complex behind it which were completed in 1992.

The present high school facility was recently remodeled and expanded, adding an additional 126,000 square feet, including a new combined gymnasium and auditorium facility. The Owls have played in the Parkland Conference since 1980. Pewaukee High School has been one of the Owls' fiercest rivals in all of the conferences dating back to the 1930's.

The 1993-94 high school enrollment was 660. With the smallest class in the district of only 130 students, high school enrollment will grow to over 700 this year and is projected to be over 900 in the late 1990's.

Among the more successful programs at the high school is the Academic Decathlon team that regularly finishes among the top schools in this statewide academic competition. The team finished third in 1994. The music department is also noted across the state for its excellent large group ensembles, as well as individual musicians. Athletic teams have also won recent Parkland Conference championships in cross-country, football, track, and volleyball. Girls cross-country and track teams dominated the conference in the 1980's.

CONTINUING GROWTH

The district is currently building a new 900 student middle school on a 40 acre site owned cooperatively by both the school district and the Village of Slinger. The site is located on the eastern edge of the village, north of Highway 60 and west of Lovers Lane on the old Karius farm. Construction is slated to be completed by August, 1995. The current middle school building will house elementary students.



SCS Masons are busy, building one of the many walls of the new Slinger Middle School which will open for the 1995-96 school year.

Washington County is the fastest growing county in Wisconsin. Located only 30 miles from Milwaukee, the district is now within easy commuting distance of the entire metropolitan area. The district is also experiencing a similar residential construction boom.

Directly related, there was a record enrollment in the school district of over 2,400 students in 1993-94, served by a staff of over 200 teachers and support staff members, and funded by a budget of nearly \$12 million.

Besides the buildings in Allenton and Slinger, the district also leases the former Catholic school in St. Lawrence for an early childhood center, where approximately 100 students are provided with special education or other programs to better prepare them for success in first grade.



SCS Middle school students are seen completing their school work on computers.

The district has grown by over 5% per year over the past five years. Yet the tax rate has remained one of the lowest in the county. Despite the enrollment growth, the schools remain firmly in touch with the communities that they serve. Many new residents mention the school system as a major reason why they have relocated here. The schools still boast of providing a quality educational program at a reasonable cost to the taxpayer. Recent standardized testing at all levels, regular DPI and SEC audit results, positive parent surveys, and successful extracurricular activities all verify the continuing success of the Slinger Schools.



SCS But as much as things seem to expand and change, the children of the 1990's pictured at the right still come to school much as they did 125 years ago to grow and learn intellectually, athletically, and socially.

ENTERTAINMENT

By: Michael Schuetz

Dancing was the primary source of enjoyment for most people in our village years ago. The ten-member Schleisingerville Cornet Band performed for many years in this area. Between 1929 and 1934 the Schaefer Orchestra played in Slinger and Hartford. The Roth and Schaefer families dominated the music scene in Slinger from about 1880 to 1935. We must give the award for the most longevity to Skipper Leone and Her Deck Hands. She started in Slinger in the summer of 1934 and continued into the 1970's.

All the local bands played at Roth's dance hall which was built in 1862. Food was served in the room above the dance hall. The dancers kept their horses in the basement. Basketball was played there and movies were shown regularly.

Two of Wisconsin's most famous resorts were located in Slinger's own back yard:

In 1919 Jake Gonring built a 100 ft. circular dance hall at his resort. Along with his two hotels, free Sunday afternoon concerts, and a bathing beach complete with a large waterslide, Jake was sure to show you a good time.

In 1893 the Rosenheimer family purchased the Cedar Lake Park Resort from the Wisconsin Central Railroad. They built a special depot, north of Arthur Road, to serve their resort. The Kletti brothers livery met the 1:00 p.m. train to take the passengers to the lake. On the other end of town, the Urban livery met the Milwaukee Road at the Slinger Station.



1.0A LRR Schleisingerville Cornet Band in 1889. Back row: John Schaefer, Lehman Rosenheimer, John Zihlsdorf, John Merten, Bill Rosche, Charles Schaefer, Frank Schaefer, Ed Bauman. Front row: Curtis, Charles F. Roth, Fred Uber, Anton Schaefer.



6.18 RK Schleisingerville Band, successor to the Coronet Band. Early 1900's. Anton Schaefer, director. Band members included Adolph Schaefer, Ed Dopp, Della Dopp, Frank Kachelmeier, Frank Schaefer, Charles Roth, William Tolzman, Louis Uber, Andrew Katzfey, Joseph Seidl, John Kletti, Herman Uber, John Frey, Louis Frey and Albert Rosche. We don't know who's who on this picture.



15.12 RR Skipper Leone and Her Deck Hands. Slinger's famous sailor band played from 1934 into the 1970's. In the 1930's they played every Sunday on Poynette Radio Station WIBV between 12:30-1:30 in the afternoon. In this pre-TV era, it was said that all the radios in Slinger were tuned in to listen. Band members from left to right: John Duehning, Victor Pusch, LeMoyne "Red" Mayer, Laddie Kachelmeier, Richard Rosenheimer, and "Skipper" Leone Duehning.



9.10 BS Bernie Schaefer and his orchestra around 1931. Left to right: (Back row) Paul Rudei, Bernie Schaefer, Les Sterr, Paul Wagner and Ed Kramer. (Front row) Bob Sorenson, Paul Bartelt, Charles Kauth, Leo Gruenhagen and Art Strobel.



12.1A JS Jacob Gonring spent over \$50,000 in 1920 to erect this hotel and make other improvements to his resort.



5.7 JS The beach at Gonring's Resort was packed with swimmers around 1920. Note the large water slide on the right side of this picture. Both Gonring's and Rosenheimers had a large slide to attract visitors.



6.19 JS John Rosenheimer Sr.'s Cedar Lake Park Hotel. Purchased by the Rosenheimer family in 1893. John ran this hotel until his death in 1923. At that time his sons John Jr. and Meyer took over the hotel. The hotel burned to the ground in 1931.

John and Meyer Rosenheimer built a 110 ft. dance pavilion in 1920. There was a lot of competition between the two resorts for many years. Three nights a week, public dances were held in the summer months with large crowds. Big-name orchestras



12.3A JS John Rosenheimer Sr. spent \$20,000 in 1920 to erect this new dance hall which was attached to the tavern in front. It was located next to the Cedar Lake Park Hotel.

such as Tiny Hill and Jimmy Dorsey entertained over 2,000 people a night.

The era of the resorts was coming to an end by the 1950's. Roller skating kept them alive at the end. There were two moving picture theaters in town years ago. The Majestic was in operation before 1916 on the floor above Kohl's Saloon. The Strand opened across the street in October of 1917 in the building presently owned by Zurn's Floor Covering. It stayed open until the mid 1930's.



11.19A DJB The construction of the Cedar Lake Depot around 1890. Note the Arthur Road bridge in the background and the road leading down to the station. This was a drop-off point for the people visiting the Cedar Lake resorts.



10.32 NK Kletti's Livery Wagon was used to bring people from the railroad depots to the Cedar Lake Resorts.

Skiing was part of Slinger's past for 53 years. Ed Herte purchased Winter's hill and had his grand opening on December 7, 1941. For some years before that it was used for motorcycle hill climbs. One rider was killed during that time when straying off the path.



17.9 MS Slinger's South Park. Slinger's primary recreation and picnic area prior to 1950. This area is located on what is now the 600 block of Kettle Moraine Dr. S. It was owned by the Storck Brewing Co. until around 1920 when it was leased to and later acquired by the Slinger Fire Department. The Fire Department developed the property in 1953 and sold lots. In the late 1960's the remaining land was donated to the Village and was developed into what is now called Fireman's Park.

SLINGER SPEEDWAY THE SUNDAY NIGHT TRADITION!!

By: Mark Gundrum

Although Slinger Speedway was first built in 1948, it was in the works for a full eight years prior to the time the first "official" competition was held.

In fact, it all began in the mid 1930's, when a Washington County Sheriff's Deputy named Bill Johnson Sr. became interested in the speed of racing. He bought his first midget car in 1938; and the next year, when his son, Bill Jr. began to race, they graded an impromptu track in their back yard, on the south end of Slinger.

In 1948, the Senior Johnson approached Rollie Heder about building a real track in Slinger; and one hour later, they stood on a hill overlooking a natural amphitheater located on the village's north side.



13.13A MT Slinger Speedway in its initial year of operation in 1948.





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Immediately, the word was out: Slinger would have a race track. Much work would need to be done; and it seemed everyone was willing to help, putting up lights, building bleachers and grading the original 1/5 mile dirt track.

Six weeks later, Johnson and Heder's dream was reality; and on July 10th, 1948, an estimated crowd of 5,000 paid \$1.00 each to watch 35 cars compete in a seven-event program.

Midget cars raced during most of the Speedway's first two years, and "stock cars" first appeared on the scene in 1949. The first two years also had the shows scheduled on Saturday nights.

"The Sunday Night Tradition" began on July 27th, 1950, and with the exception of one year, has been the norm for fortyfive years.

In 1952, the track was leased to Cyclone Speedways, and 1953 saw the Central Stock Sanctioning Body operate the track as a non-profit organization, which turned out to be so nonprofitable that Heder regained sole ownership of the Speedway in 1954.

1958 and 1959 saw the cars change in appearance, from large sedans to open-wheeled modified. 1958 also saw a new pair of drivers begin to race at Slinger, Don and Wayne Erickson.

The legendary Miles "The Mouse" Melius dominated much of the action during the track's first 20 years, winning 7 track championships. Bill Johnson Jr., one of the original owner's sons, also won 5 titles in the first 20 years.

Wayne Erickson recorded his first "feature" win in 1965; and although he would never win a championship at Slinger, he would become a major player in the track's history.

After a trip to Daytona in the early 1970's, Heder decided to build his own "Little Daytona" in Slinger. The last dirt race was held in 1973, and in the summer of 1974, the track reopened as a high-banked 1/4 mile paved oval.

Late model stock cars, similar to those in competition today, debuted on July 22nd, 1974. Joe Shear and Dick Trickle split the twin 99 lap feature events, and a new era in racing was born in Slinger.

Erickson would lease the track from Heder in 1975 and take over as owner in 1976.

On September 16th, 1978, the late Pat Schauer turned a lap in 11.929 seconds, officially citing Slinger Speedway as "THE WORLD'S FASTEST 1/4 MILE OVAL." Schauer's record has been broken several times, all at Slinger, the latest being former Winston Cup Driver Butch Miller, who today holds the world's record at 11.376 seconds.

Many, many big name drivers either got their starts at or have passed through Slinger Speedway. Some of the more recognizable include:

* The late Alan Kulwicki, a two-time Slinger track champion

* Dick Trickle, a four-time Slinger Nationals champion

* Mark Martin, the 1984 Slinger Nationals champion

* Richie Bickle, a two-time track champion

* Bobby Allison--who won his last race EVER at Slinger just days before a career ending accident at Pocono in 1988

* The late Davey Allison, who at one time held the world record at Slinger

* Plus current NASCAR WINSTON CUP DRIVERS Kyle Petty, Harry Gant, Kenny Schrader, Ernie Irvan, Dale Earnhardt, Sterling Marlin, Ted Musgrave, Rusty Wallace, Michael Waltrip, Darryl Waltrip, and the late Neil Bonnett.

SLINGER SUPER SPEEDWAY TRACK CHAMPIONS



13.0A WJ Slinger Speedway in its first year of operation in 1948. The drivers pictured, left to right, are as follows: #15 Miles Melius, #52 Carl Hunter, #17 Landy Scott, #44 Billy Johnson Jr. Billy Johnson Jr. won the track championship in 1948 and Miles Melius won the track championship in 1949.

MIDGETS

1948	 BILL JOHNSON JR
1949	 MILES MELIUS

STOCKS

1954	 ETCHIE BIERTZER
1955	 MILES MELIUS
1956	 CARL KULOW
1957	 KENT LOUGAN



MG Slinger Speedway during the 1993 Slinger Nationals.


MODIFIEDS

1958	 MILES MELIUS
1959	 ETCHIE BIERTZER
1960	 MILES MELIUS
1961	 MILES MELIUS
1962	 FUZZY FASSBENDER
1963	 BILL JOHNSON JR
1964	 MILES MELIUS
1965	 BILL JOHNSON JR
1966	 BILL JOHNSON JR
1967	 MILES MELIUS
1968	 BILL JOHNSON JR
1969	 NEIL SEDERBERG
1970	 AARON SOLSRUD
1971	 AARON SOLSRUD
1972	 AARON SOLSRUD
1973	 AARON SOLSRUD

LATE MODELS

LATE MODELS				
1974		JOE SHEAR		
1975		DAVE WATSON		
1976		TONY STRUPP		
1977		ALAN KULWICKI		
1978		ALAN KULWICKI		
1979		TONY STRUPP		
1980		TONY STRUPP		
1981		JOHN ZIEGLER		
1982		WILLIE GOEDEN		
1983		RICH BICKLE JR		
1984		AL SCHILL SR		
1985		AL SCHILL SR		
1986		AL SCHILL SR		
1987		AL SCHILL SR		
1988		AL SCHILL SR		
1989		RICH BICKLE JR		
1990		CONRAD MORGAN		
1991		ROBBIE REISER		
1992		ROBBIE REISER		
1993		ROBBIE REISER		

LITTLE SWITZERLAND By: Larry Gundrum



JH Little Switzerland

What better place to open a ski hill than Slinger, the "city of the seven hills." And what better hill to select than Winter's Hill. Ed Herte opened Little Switzerland on December 7, 1941. The business received its name from the local priest, Fr. George Jentges who looked up at the wooded hill and said "this place is just like a little Switzerland."

In the early 1930's the hill was used for motorcycle hill climb events. Ed Herte leased the hill from the Winter family from 1941 until he purchased it in 1954. He made constant improvements over the years and Little Switzerland was the second hill in the Midwest to install a snowmaking system. It utilizes ponds on each side of the hill for this purpose. While the rest of the community is without snow at various times during the winter, the hill at Little Switzerland is always white with snow from early December until mid-March.

Ed Herte was always an innovative owner. Little Switzerland boasted a ski jump in 1961 and currently has a 100 foot high ranger tower on top of the hill. The tower is used for little more than a flag pole, but is certainly eye catching.

Little Switzerland has 3 ski grooming machines from Germany to smooth out and pack the snow. They have 5 chair lifts and 3 rope tows to get skiers to the top and 14 different runs down both sides of the hill.

The chalet features a Bavarian Bar with a terrific view of the hill. It also includes crystal chandeliers from the old Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago and a round copper fireplace made out of what once was a vat from the old Storck Brewery. The business has over 100 employees during the winter and only a few during the summer including long time employee George Kuhaupt who has a nice view of the hill from his home across the street.

Ed Herte ran this business until he passed away on December 31, 1985. His business is now run by his daughter, Jane Herte, and her son, Jay, who each live next to the hill.



 $8.24\ {\rm TR}$ Ski Jump at Little Switzerland. It was only used a few times. It later deteriorated and was tore down in the 1960's.

Little Switzerland along with the Slinger Super Speedway, is one of two well known Slinger attractions that draw people from all over Southeastern Wisconsin.



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WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR

By: Larry Gundrum

The Washington County Fair came to Slinger in 1938. It is held at the County Grounds on the north side of the village on the last full weekend of July. It is one of a few free fairs held in Wisconsin and is thought to attract up to 50,000 visitors each year. Washington County held a large parade in conjunction with the fair in 1986 to help celebrate its 150th anniversary. The highlight of the parade was a sky diving exhibition where several sky divers eluded electrical wires to land on a semi trailer in front of the businesses at 109 and 111 Kettle Moraine Drive South.

The Washington County Fair along with the Slinger Super Speedway and Little Switzerland have helped make Slinger the Entertainment Capital of Washington County.



By Henry Karius

SLINGER HIGH SCHOOL

While the Slinger High School sports teams have experienced moderate success over the years in various sports, the boys and girls cross country and track teams have enjoyed enormous success dominating the Parkland Conference and enjoying regular success at the state level.

The boys track team coached by Terry Krall captured Parkland Conference titles in 1983, 1984, and 1992. They captured conference relay championships in 1983, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1992, and 1993. They also captured conference indoor championships in 1993 and 1994. Several athletes have excelled to compete at the state level with two individuals capturing state titles in their respective events. In 1983, Jim Bednar became the first male athlete in Slinger High School history to capture a state championship when he won the 300 meter Low Hurdles. In 1989, Marc Ruesch captured the state championship in the Pole Vault.



TW Marc Ruesch accepting first place ribbon at the state track meet.

The boys cross country team (also coached by Krall) has also enjoyed success capturing Parkland Conference championships in 1982 and 1993. Although several individuals have advanced to the state tournament, Slinger has never had a male state champion in cross country.

While the boys teams have captured their fair share of championships, the girls teams have been a dominant force since the late 1970s.

The girls track team coached by Steve Bingen (a former SHS graduate) captured Scenic Moraine track championships in 1977 through 1980. After moving to the Parkland Conference, they captured an incredible ten straight track championships from 1983 through 1992. They captured indoor conference championships in 1980 (Scenic Moraine), and have a current string of eleven straight Parkland Conference Indoor championships from 1983 through 1993, with the 1994 event not held as of the time of this article. While their success in these events seems remarkable, they have been even more dominating in the Conference Relay meets. They captured Scenic Moraine Conference Relay championships in 1976 and 1979. Immediately upon moving to the Parkland Conference, they began a string of thirteen consecutive Parkland Conference Relay championships in 1981. Their streak was broken in 1994.

Although the Slinger girls have never captured a team state championship, they have had several individuals recognized as state champions in their respective events. The first state champions in Slinger High School history was the 1976 relay team of Denise Borchardt, Darlene Beine, Jody Phelan, and Darlene Kratz. This foursome captured the 4x800 Relay championship. In 1979, Cathy Branta began a remarkable string of domination. She captured the state championships in 1979 in both the one mile and two mile events as a sophomore. In 1980 and 1981, she continued her streak by winning both the 1600 meter (formerly the one mile) and the 3200 meter (formerly the two mile) events setting record times. In 1986, Patti Boehlen captured state championships in two events winning both the Triple Jump and the 100 meter dash.

The girls cross country team also coached by Bingen captured Parkland Conference titles eight consecutive years starting in 1981 and capturing their last championship in 1988. Several individuals have advanced to participate in the state tournament with two female runners capturing state championships. Diane Breuer captured the state championship in 1986. Cathy Branta shattered records while capturing cross country titles in three consecutive years from 1978 through 1980.



RB Cathy Branta

After winning nine individual state championships while at Slinger, Branta continued her successful track and cross country career as a standout at the University of Wisconsin in the early 1980s leading the Badgers to several track and cross country championships. She captured all-Big Ten honors, and tried out for the Olympics. She was a first alternate for the 1984 Olympic Games.

The only boys basketball team to participate in the state tournament was the 1976-1977 team coached by Doug Potter. They beat East Troy at Whitewater to advance to the state tournament in Madison where they were eliminated in their first game by Prairie du Chien. The team was Scenic Moraine Conference co-champions, and finished the season with a 21 win, 3 loss record.

In football, where only conference champions participated in the state championship playoffs until 1990, and only conference champions and second place teams currently participate, Slinger has had three teams qualify for the playoffs. The Owls captured Parkland Conference football championships in 1983, 1984, and 1992. All three teams were eliminated in their first games, with both the 1983 and 1984 teams losing to Port Washington, and the 1992 team being beaten by Elkhorn. The 1983 team was undefeated during the regular season.



SCS 1977 Scenic Moraine Conference co-champians. Left to right, standing: Keith Risse, Bobby Scherr, Rob Schulz, Greg Jonas, Jeff Schroer, Dick Kearns, Jeff Wolf. Kneeling: Matt Luken, Darryl Kranz, Al Konrath, John Retzlaff, Jerry Bayer, Scott Branta. Seated: Dave Sukawaty, Coach Doug Potter, Dennis Vlasak.



9.24 SD Slinger High School Championship Basketball team, 1920-1921 season. Slinger High played its home games at Roth's Hall (now attached to "The Slinger House") until 1924 when the first high school gym was built. Members shown from left: Manager Harold Theisen, Oscar Kratz, Harry Schuck (Village President 1936-37), Lawrence Kramer, Lester Herbst (who scored 22 baskets in a 100-14 win over Kewskum on Feb. 21, 1923, probably the highest single game total ever by a S.H.S. player) and Alex Baer.

Other Slinger high school teams have won conference championships throughout the years, but none of these teams have participated at the state level.

There has been a tremendous expansion in women's athletics at the high school level in recent years. Girl's can now participate in volleyball, basketball, track, cross country, tennis, fastpitch softball and soccer.

Boy's currently field teams in football, basketball, wrestling, track, soccer, cross country, golf, tennis, and baseball.

Slinger Rock River League



7.17 TR Baseball Team. Standing: ?, Ben Klug, Roxy Storck, Matt Margraf, Charles Roth, ?. Kneeling: Fred Roth, Peter Kohl, Bill Burow, Oswin Wadewitz. Seated: Alfred Storck, Arthur Merten, Joe Theisen.

Slinger has had a city baseball team for decades. They participate in the Rock River League, as well as the Tri-County Night League which was formed in the 1970s. Slinger won Rock River League championships in 1958, 1959 and 1961 under the direction of manager Glenn Dhein. They continued their winning ways in the 1980s capturing Rock River League championships in 1983 and 1984 under manager David "Butch" Zimmerman and also in 1989. Slinger has also captured the Tri-County Night League championship in 1986 and 1992. Steve Salter has managed the Slinger team since 1986.



13.24A SJS Slinger Rams, 1989. Rock River League Grand Champions. Left to right, standing: Brian Mergener, Larry Held, Rob Michels, Chris LeFever, Manager Steve Salter, Ken Vlasak, Terry Held, Jay Lenstrom, Bill Kreuser. Kneeling: Charlie Held, Terry Mergener, Dave Wolf, Rick Held, Corey Held, Dave Geldnich, Joe Neuber, Dan Held. Seated: Brad Fassbender.

GIRL'S SPORTS



JG Slinger's baseball teams won many Rock River League championships in the late 1950's and early 1960's. Pictured here is Slinger's 1957 team. Left to right standing: Dewey Schiele, Ray Held, Fritz Mayer, Corky Neu, Ralph Wolf, Fran Hofmaier, Bob Buch, Billy Mayer and Coach Ray Diers. Kneeling: Larry Buch, Wayne Faust, Chet Seefeldt, Bob Wolf, Manager Glenn Dhein and Paul Beistle. Seated: Ed Wolf. Slinger's teams played at the old ball field near the brick pond until moving to the high school diamond in the 1970's.



7.36 NZ Schleisinger Girls Basketball Team 1911-1912. This team was Coached by Fred Roth and played in Roth's Hall. Left to right, top row: Ella Theisen, Erna Klug, Anna Theisen, Elda Kaiser and Helen Landt. Bottom row: Molly Schodron, Helen Kaiser, Carrie Thiel, Norma Roth and Aurelia Klug.

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SLINGER FIRE DEPARTMENT

By: David Retzlaff

The Schleisingerville Fire Department was formed on July 20, 1888 and adopted its Constitution and By-Laws on July 23, 1912. A hose truck was purchased from the West Allis Fire Department in May of 1916 for \$25.00, and a new ladder truck for \$225.00 in March of 1918.



11.14A SFD Children pulling Schleisingerville's fire pumper through the main intersection around 1900. This was the same pumper that would later be restored by Ed and Norman Kletti.



5.20 MS Slinger's grade school built in 1885 to replace a log school that had been built in 1861. This building was razed in 1982 to make way for a new fire station. On the right is Slinger's first fire house.

In May of 1921, the Schleisingerville Fire Department was renamed the Slinger Fire Department. The department purchased its first electrical siren for \$600.00 in 1926. The first piece of motor apparatus was a 1935 Ford pumper with a total price of \$2,656.77. This vintage engine can be seen today at the Hall of Flame in Phoenix, Arizona. The truck still runs and is used in parades by the museum. On August 11, 1953, the department put into service a 1953 FWD pumper with a 240 horsepower, 6 cylinder Waukesha engine with a waterous 2 stage parallel centrifugal pump. The truck cost \$14,391.00 and was in service until December 18, 1979 when it was replaced by a 1980 Oshkosh pumper.



2.2 JS Schleisingerville Fire Department. Circa 1910. Left to right, front row; Red Kletti, Anton Katzfey, Ed Duehning, Sr., John Basler, John Kippenhan, Arnold Wickert Back row; Fred Eggert, Alex Rosenheimer Charlie Storck, Gust Meister, Albert Thiel, Sr., William Tolzman, Al Leverence, Ted Kohl, Frank Ganns, John Miller, Ferdinand Mergenthaler, Otto Bartelt, Henry Wenzel, and Dr. Alvin Kletti.

In March of 1969, the department purchased a Ford pumper equipped with a John Beam Hi-pressure fog and volume pump. The unit cost approximately \$26,000. when fully equipped. The truck is still used by the department today.

The Slinger Fire Department consists of 42 active volunteers and 91 honorary members with Bob Schaefer serving as chief. On the average, they respond to between 55 and 65 calls per year and cover 25 square miles.

The current fleet consists of:

- 1. 1972 Sutphen Aerial Tower powered by a 365 horsepower Cummins Diesel and outfitted with a Hale 1500 gpm single stage pump and an 85' ladder.
- 2. 1989 GMC 1 ton 4x4 grass fighter and command unit with a 200 gallon John Beam slide on the unit.
- 3. 1986 IHC with a Welch "Equalizer" 3000 gallon tanker.
- 4. 1980 Oshkosh pumper with a 1250 gpm 3 stage pump and a Welch body.
- 5. 1974 Ford equipment truck.
- 6. 1993 Freightliner 1700 gallon tander with 2 side dumps and one back dump.

The department members are dispatched through the Washington County Sheriff's Department paging system. The revenues are generated through contracts with the Village of Slinger and the Townships of Polk and West Bend.

In 1982, the department built a new station. The building can house up to 8 trucks and has a hose tower capable of drying about 1900 feet of hose at a time. The building also serves as the offices for the chief, his officers and various committees. It also contains a conference room, communications room, meeting room, tool room and a SCAB maintenance room.

The department uses Life Guard personal distress devices on all SCBA units. It also has an incident preplan committee that meets once a month.



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The Slinger Fire Department participates in the Badger Firemen's Association bowling, golfing and baseball tournaments. They belong to the Washington County Fire Chief Association, the Washington County Fire Investigator Association and the Northwestern Illinois and Southeastern Wisconsin Firemen Association. The department has two waterfighting teams that compete all summer long ending with Southeastern Wisconsin State Waterfight Tournament. They also compete in the Hustisford Toilet Bowl tournament held on New Year's Day. The department also runs a stand at the Washington County Fair.

On May 15, 1991, the Slinger Fire Department started an Auxiliary with 20 members.

On July 1, 1992 a Phoenix rescue tool, commonly known as the "Jaws of Life", was put into service.

As of 1993, over half of the department members are State certified as Firefighter 1 and are working on becoming State certified as Firefighter 2. Some members are also EMT certified.

The officers for the Slinger Fire Department are:

Chief -	Robert Schaefer
Assistant Chief -	Scott Risse
Captain -	Chuck Ruetten
Captain -	Daryl Otte
Lieutenant -	Al Retzlaff
Lieutenant -	Greg Bayer
Secretary -	Ken Reiser
Treasurer -	Doug Thiel

Fire Chiefs:

Charles Roth	1888-1894
Fritz Kletti	1894-1897
Charles Roth	1897-1906
August Storck	1906-1914
Fred Eggert	1914-1930
John Feutz	1930-1947
Roland Miller	1947-1965
Cyril Wolf	1965-1978
Norton Risse	1978-1985
Donald Mechenich	1985-1992
Robert Schaefer	1992-

With all the labor being volunteered, the Slinger Fire Department is proud of its department and the community support it receives.



10.36 NK Members of the 1962 Slinger Fire Department: Left to right, top row: Melvin Brahs, Bill Langenecker, Ernie Schwendiman, Roy Wolf, Norman Kletti, Fred Thiel, Norman Schall. Middle row: Ed Kratz, Glen Dhein, Ralph Wolf, Harold Beine, Ray Peil, Jerry Faust, Roland Miller, Cy Wolf, Oscar "Slim" Kratz, Frank Kachelmeier, Melvin Bohn, Dale Otte, John Feutz. Bottom row: Edgar Ganns, Gib Bayer, Gene Mechenich, Bill Guerndt, Lawrence Tennies, Doc Held, Bill Condon, Russ Schauer, Roy Gundrum, Richard Rosche, Gene Zwirtein.



11.24A JG The Slinger Fire Department played games against the faculty to raise scholarship funds for high school students. The 1961 Fireman's team pictured here, left to right, standing, Harold Beine, Ralph Wolf, Eugene Schall, Fred Thiel, Cy Wolf, Bill Duehning, Dale Otte, Roland Miller. Kneeling: Bill Langenecker, Doc Held, Melvin Bohn, Gene Mechenich, Bill Condon, Russ Schauer.





CIVIC GROUPS

By: Joanne O'Dwyer with information supplied by the respective groups

SLINGER JAYCEES

A grocery raffle was the first fund raising project the Slinger Jaycees undertook when they chartered 11 years ago in October of 1983. The first president, Dave Beine, led the 22 members for two years as they raised funds for community projects.

Many of the community programs sponsored by the Jaycees have benefitted the children of Slinger such as the annual Easter Egg hunt, the Punt, Pass and Kick competition and the sponsorship of the 6th, 7th and 8th grade basketball teams in tournament play. But the senior citizens also enjoy the efforts of the Jayees at their annual Thanksgiving dinner for the elderly. And the local Jaycees reach outside the community by raising funds for Cystic Fibrosis and the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Jaycee donations have gone to Honours, Inc., the Slinger High School scholarship fund; and the Fire Department.

And, a great majority of the local citizenry can reminisce about the enjoyment at the Donkey Basketball games and the magic shows sponsored by the Jaycees.

As with all service organizations, some projects end such as the youth bus trips to Great America. But, the annual Ice Fisheree on Big Cedar Lake each winter celebrated its tenth anniversary this year and is currently the group's largest fund raising effort.

The Jaycees recognize that their success is due in large part to the generousity of the local businesses who donate to the events. They extend a thank you to all who have helped them in the past and wish a CONGRATULATIONS TO SLINGER ON THE 125th ANNIVERSARY.

FRIENDS OF THE SLINGER LIBRARY, INC.

From the 3 original members who met to organize Friends in 1987, the group has grown to 20 plus members today. The first meetings were led by Jill Ames.

In 1992, Friends incorporated to fulfill the requirements necessary for foundations, corporations and individuals to make tax free donations. At that time the purpose of the group was developed to read: "The purpose of this organization shall be to maintain an association of persons interested in libraries; to focus public attention on the library; to stimulate the use of the library's resources and services; to receive and encourage gifts, endowments and bequests to the library; to support and cooperate with the library in developing services and facilities for the community."

Funding is done through an annual Book and Bake Sale, the sale of Stickees, collection of aluminum cans and participation in the Community Cash program. In support of the library the members schedule work days throughout the year to help with library tasks; help plan the summer programs and celebrate National Library Week and Children's Book Week.

SLINGER LIONS CLUB

Newest among the service clubs in Slinger is the Lions Club which chartered in June of 1993, as a member of the International Lions Club organization. The number 1 priority of the club is 'eyesight'. The local club, however, wants to help anyone or any group they can. There motto is "We Are Proud To Serve".

Charter president Wayne Thomas hopes that through various fund raisers, the club will have the financial ability to respond to the needs of the Slinger area.

Meetings of the club are held at the Slinger House the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 AM. The time and day were chosen to give an opportunity for volunteer commitment to those who work when other clubs hold their meetings.

GFWC SLINGER JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

The Junior Woman's Club is open to all women regardless of age. It is a social and community oriented club chartered in 1985 as a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the oldest and largest non-denominational volunteer organization of women in the world. Cecilia Nehm led the group as its charter president. The current president is Patty Peters.

Monthly meetings are held from September thru May, usually at the middle school. Meetings include a program of interest from landscaping to redecorating to financial planning and health. And meetings always include time for planning and developing the many club projects.

Funds have been raised thru the annual Quilt Show in November; the annual Fashion Show in March and a food stand during the Slinger area wide rummage sale in May.

These monies have been donated to various groups including the Muscular Dystrophy Association; the Slinger library; the Slinger and Allenton elementary school libraries; the middle school library; St. Peter school library; an art camp scholarship for a high school student; Light the Athletic Field; and Friends for Abused Families.

In addition club members have entertained the residents of Friedenheim and the Allenton Home with Bingo on a regular basis 5 to 6 times a year. They help out with the summer reading program at the library; support the Food Pantry and are sponsoring a 'Safety Town' for children going to kindergarten, as a new project in 1994.

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On September 25th, 1944, a group of ten women met at the Slinger Village Hall with Mrs. Esther Hanish, 6th district president of the Ladies V.F.W. Auxiliary for the purpose of organizing a group in Slinger. The 15 member minimum requirement was quickly met and the women received a charter in October. Norma Zwald was installed as president.

The Auxiliary began as the Norman W. Zunker Auxiliary to Post 3358 in Hartford, but was changed in 1945 when the V.F.W. Post also changed its name and location to Slinger.

The organization's purpose is the relief of those who fought in defense of our country and response to those members of the Post, the Auxiliary and their families who are in need. The group also encourages patriotism and loyalty.

The Ladies Auxiliary has served the community for many years by selling poppies, financing the Girl Scouts and holding card parties to raise money for the Cancer Fund. They also participate in the annual Memorial Day services in Slinger to honor the deceased veterans.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

The Zunker-Held Post #3358 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars originated in the city of Hartford in 1935, when the name of Norman W. Zunker was chosen as the name of the Post. Zunker, a Hartford native, was interested in musical organizations and was the Assistant Director of the Bank of Hartford. He served in the US Navy in WWI and was honorably discharged as a musician 1st Class. He was killed in an airplane accident in 1934.

The 44 charter members elected Ray Christman as their first Commander. As the Post grew through the years, its membership strength came from Slinger rather than Hartford, and the meeting place changed to Slinger. The current Commander is Donald F. Karius.

The name was changed to Zunker-Held Post #3358 in 1945 to honor James Held of Slinger, one of the first soldiers killed in WWII. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Held and served in the US Army. He was killed in Belgium, October 27, 1944, and is buried in an Army cemetery there.

Boy Scouting has been sponsored by the Post since 1946 when Glenn P. Dhein became the Scoutmaster. The Post also sponsors a Slinger high school junior to Badger Boys State each year and presents a citizenship award annually to a high school senior.

During this 125th Anniversary celebration, the Post will dedicate the Slinger Area War Veterans Roll Call of Honor Memorial constructed in the Community Park. The Memorial has been made possible through the combined efforts of the Post, the village government, and many volunteers. Money, labor and materials have been donated by Slinger area war veterans, businesses, local organizations and individuals. The Memorial will honor all Slinger area veterans who honorably served in our country's armed forces during a wartime period, either stateside or overseas and are now living or have lived in the Slinger area.



JG Memorial Day in Slinger is celebrated with the VFW parade from downtown to Union Cemetery. The VFW then presents a program which includes a rifle salute to those who gave their lives in service to our country. Shown here in the 1959 ceremony are Lt. Jerry Gundrum and Riflemen Norman Kletti, Ernie Schwendimann, Ted Werner and Don Karius.



JG Slinger's VFW Zunker-Held Post celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1985. Shown here are VFW officers, left to right standing: Jerry Gundrum, Norman Kletti, Robert Konrath, Art Krenn, Roland Spaeth. Seated: Ray Kramer, DeWayne Grauden, Don Karius and Darrell Roecker.

SLINGER-ALLENTON ROTARY CLUB

Chartered in 1965, the Rotary Club has grown from 28 members to one of the largest community volunteer groups in the Slinger area. Current president Russell Brandt leads the membership in encouraging and fostering the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and the development of acquaintance of business people in the community, promoting high ethical standards in business and professional life. The further purpose is to promote the advancement of international understanding and good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service.

The Slinger club provides scholarships to high school students; entertains elementary students at the Shrine circus;

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Wells in Haiti \$50,000 Honours Scholarship Bleachers for Allenton Community Park \$40,000 Summer Scholarship Programs RIF (Reading is Fundamental) School Program Speaking Computer for Handicapped Teenager Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup Program Foreign Exchange Student Program Trash Cans for Slinger \$1800 Air Bag Purchase for Fire Department Irrigation System in Guatemala Eye Camp Surgeons in India and Pakistan provides special educational programs for school groups, including the monetary assistance to purchase books for the Reading Is Fundamental program; operates the Blood Bank in the village annually; and recognizes high school students for their achievements in their Student of the Month program.

Among other community investments, the club has purchased several municipal refuse containers for the Village and provided recreational equipment for Community Park.

SLINGER ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION

Formed in 1949 for the economic development and promotion of the village and surrounding area, the Advancement Association was led by President Ray Kramer. Today its first woman president, Joanne O'Dwyer is leading the 75 plus members toward the 21st century.

Over the years the Association has brought free outdoor movies to the community during summer months; provided the lights for the village softball diamond and park; worked with General Telephone to install the first telephone booths in the village in 1955; comemorated the opening of newly constructed main street in 1960; worked for railroad crossing signals on the village railroad tracks; mediated the deeding back of the old Firemen's Park land to the village for park use; and pursuaded the Dico Company to build in Slinger; provided equipment for the high school, park, and village; donated funds to the Fire Department for the Jaws of Life; and to the Veterans Memorial in Community Park.

Currently the Association provides Holiday decorations for the village; holds a Christmas outdoor decorating contest for the village; recognizes a Volunteer of the Year for the Slinger area; provides scholarships to Business World and the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation for high school students; sponsors Slinger Night at the Brewers; runs Bingo games for community entertainment; develops the annual community calendar; and is the leading force in the 125th anniversary celebration for the village, just as it was for the 100th anniversary.

Funding for these many projects comes from the annual village-wide rummage sale in May; the Bingo games held from May thru October; and the annual Corn Roast and Brat Fry held with the VFW each August. Special projects have included a ComedySportz night; Packer/ Slinger Alumni basketball game and other family entertainment events.

A specially developed brochure promoting the village is available at various locations in the state for those interested in the Slinger area.

SLINGER-ALLENTON INNER WHEEL

The Inner Wheel organization actually began in England in 1931; came to the United States in 1951 and organized in Slinger in 1984. The club chartered in 1985 with 15 members under the presidency of Lu Ann Schwai.

The organization aims to promote friendship, encourage the ideals of personal service and foster international understanding. The Slinger club chose to be both a social and service club; and they have accomplished a lot in their 10 years.

Major funding comes from the annual salad luncheon held in the Fall. Income from this event has gone to Polio Plus; Honors, Inc.; the Life Line organization at Hartford Community Hospital; a community forum on the Marital Property Law; a room at Friends for Abused Families' home in West Bend; a pamphlet on teenage parties and drinking; the Slinger Post Prom party; the Slinger library; the Slinger Food Pantry; a team in the youth volleyball league; Light the Athletic Field; and more.

Monthly meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM, currently led by president Donna Mayer. The organization is comprised of wives, widows and close female relatives of Rotarians, although there is no formal connection between Inner Wheel and Rotary.

SCOUTING

Scouting functions have played an integral part in developing the youth of our community. The first Boy Scout Troop was started in 1918 under the direction of Rev. R.C. Ditter of St. John's. Al Brandenburg was noteworthy for his 50 years of service to the Boy Scouts. Current scout leaders include: Boy Scouts, Don Barse and Dale Zarling; Cub Scouts, Ron Webber and Tim Hess; Girl Scouts, Kathy Hetzel.



3.11A WCHS Slinger's first boy scout troop. L to R (top row) Harold Theisen, Harry Schuck, Eddie Storck, Scoutmaster Rev. R. C. Ditter, Wicker Nigh, Oscar Rosche. (lower row) Willie Storck, Oscar Kratz, and Harold Storck.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Many organizations help to create the friendly environment of Slinger. Those not listed above include:

> Slinger/Allenton Soccer Club Parent-Teacher Organization Hi-Lite Happy Workers 4-H St. Peter's Home and School Honours, Inc. People Behind the Owls Booster Club

CONGRATULATIONS SLINGER





Captions By: Larry Gundrum

BIRD'S EYE VIEWS

occupied by what was a cigar factory at one time. The Tolzman Funeral Home was built in 1940.



This is the oldest broad view picture of 433A NK Schleisingerville known to exist. It was taken before 1887. In the foreground is Rosenheimer's Implement Business, now the site of Strupp Implement. Here the Rosenheimer's are proudly displaying their latest line of farm equipment. This is the only picture showing the building on the site of what later was the State Bank of Slinger on the main intersection. It's thought to be the original building of Baruch Schleisinger Weil. Also note the pond across the street from Rosenheimer's. This pond became a dumping ground and was later filled in. It is the same site where water accummulated in the 1986 flood. Roth's Hall is on the far left. Between Roth's Hall and Rosenheimer's is what is thought to be Schleisingerville's first brewery. It is now the site of Dave & Rusty's. Across the street is the Wild house. This picture shows many buildings that have subsequently been torn down



2.11 View towards the Vim Tractor Company (Carbon Engineering) from the top of Yankee Hill. Circa 1922. Of special note, Brass Foundry Building appears (now Sager Auto Body). The house next to what is now Jim's Bakery is located on the street. It was moved back off the street in the 1930's by Dr. Prefontaine. The building where the Hartford Parkview Clinic (formerly Tolzman Funeral Home) now stands is



6.17 RK View of Schleisingerville from Rosenheimer's Hill towards downtown around 1910.



6.20 RK View of Schleisingerville, Circa 1908 from the hill behind what is now Carbon Engineering.



6.8 RK View from Yankee Hill towards St. John's, Circa 1909. Though not a clear picture, this is the only picture we could find of Rosenheimer's Lumber Yards visible in the background just to the left of St. John's steeple. A rail road sidetrack came to the yards. By 1920, Goetz and Dhein had taken over the lumber yards. Peter Schuck's Warehouse is visible as are the sheds across from L. Rosenheimer's Store. Those sheds are thought to be the sight of Schleisingerville's first post office.



4.17 MS Storck Street scene around 1910. Nearest house is that of Charles D. Storck. The house where Dick's Ambulance now stands was torn down in 1969.



6.7 RK Kettle Moraine Drive North Circa 1910. The house on the near right still stands at 133 Kettle Moraine Drive North. The two other houses on this side of the street and the house on the far left have been razed. The large house across the street was the John Geldnich house built in 1905. It has remained in the Geldnich farmily to this day and is located next to Horsch & Miller at 138 Kettle Moraine Drive North. The Philip Tennies farm is in the background.

STREET SCENES



3.12A NK East Washington Street prior to 1887. The man is sitting in what now would be St. Peter's parking lot. On the near left is the old Rosche house. The nearest building across the street is the Rosche Foundry. Next is Kletti's Blacksmith Shop followed by the Kletti home, John Schuck's house and at the corner John Buch's hotel. Further down on West Washington Street you can see the L. Rosenheimer store and behind that you can barely see Joe Rosenheimer's home. That house was owned by Lehman Rosenheimer prior to his death in 1878.

Looking down on what is now Kettle Moraine Drive North you can see John Thiel's Blacksmith Shop and house. The second floor of the middle addition which was built in 1887 has not yet been added. Further right is William Kratz's store before the store addition was added. This is one of the oldest pictures of Schleisingerville in existance.



7.4 NZ This picture of Slinger's main intersection was taken around 1909, shortly after the new concrete sidewalks were installed. Starting from the left is H. Budde's Wagonmaker Shop which was razed in 1939 (now Jerry Gundrum's residence). The Schuck Store has a tree that was removed prior to the building's exterior being stuccoed in 1920. The old bank building was built in 1905. Note the flagpole. Also note the steps leading to the second floor of Rosenheimer's Store (now Tom's Bar and Grill). Roth's frame hotel was torn down and rebuilt with a brick exterior in 1910 (now the Slinger House). John Schuck ran a harness making business out of the house on the right (now Gaedtke's).



6.33 RK Kettle Moraine Drive South - view from the railroad tracks Circa 1910.



5.5 MS West Washington Street as of 1910. Joe Rosenheimer's farm implement sheds are on the near left. The small apartment on the left still stands, but the next building which housed Slinger's first brewery was rebuilt and John Rosenheimer Sr.'s implement shed was rebuilt as Gundrum's Market. The bricks to construct Roth's new commercial house appear to be piled up in the street. On the near right side, the first building was rebuilt into what is now Auto Tech. The old Wild/Leverence house was rebuilt by Harland Rhode in 1948 and the house nearest the old bank was replaced by Fred Kletti.



RK East Washington Street as of 1906. The wooden sidewalks are still apparent. The first house on the left is still standing at

107 E. Washington Street. It is one of Slinger's oldest homes, most likely dating back to the 1850's.



7.7 TR Buchanan Street, Circa 1910. The Merten house is pictured at right. The houses on the left still stand today.



8.22 TR Kettle Moraine Drive South around 1915.



6.14 RK Kettle Moraine Drive North from the main intersection, Circa 1910. New modern concrete sidewalks were installed in Slinger between 1907-1909. Prior to that, wood plank sidewalks were used and were in need of constant repair. Starting from the left; Roth's Hotel, Roth's Stone Barn, Thiel's Blacksmith Shop, Thiel's home, Kratz's Store, Kratz's old home (not visible), Kratz's Warehouse. Near right is Charles Fries's Hotel and Saloon.



6.30 RK 1910. Nick and Julia Mago's horse drawn buggy on Kettle Moraine Drive South by Schaefer's Barber Shop. The next building was used by the State Bank of Schleisingerville. George Wild built the next two buildings.



5.19 MS Theodore Koenings invited the area farmers in for some type of celebration and had this picture taken around 1910. Koening's Implement Shop is the large building in the center. It is now an apartment building. Storck Street is fully developed with new homes all of which still stand today.



5.17 MS Kettle Moraine Drive around 1910. All the buildings on this picture still stand today.



2.28 WCHS View of Schleisingerville from passenger trains going through around 1915. The building in the foreground still stands. The two houses on this side of the tracks have been removed. The house on the left was removed when Richard Burg put up his commercial building in 1969.



6.16 RK Kettle Moraine Drive North looking towards the main intersection. Starting from the left is the barn behind Charles Fries's Tavern. Most taverns had barns where customers could store their horses while patronizing the establishment. John Rosenheimer's building on the corner is plainly visible. From the right is William Kratz's old house and next door Kratz's Store. There was no park across the street, just a swampy field. **BUSINESS PICTURES**



17.24 MS John Kippenhan inside the Central Hotel. He leased this hotel/saloon from Elizabeth Kaiser from 1897 until he moved into the New Commercial House he constructed across the street in 1906. The Central Hotel later would become the Slinger Lanes.



3.8A NM Schuck & Frey General Merchandise. The original portion of this building, located at Slinger's main intersection is possibly the oldest building in town. It is thought to have been built in 1847 by B. Schleisinger Weil and his son Julius. In 1857 it was sold to John Pick who ran a large store intil 1876 when the building was sold to John S. Keidel and in 1886 to his son-in-law August Zihlsdorf. When August died in 1900 Joe Rosenheimer purchased the building and leased it to Schuck & Frey. By 1903 Peter Schuck bought out Frey. He purchased the building in 1907 and conducted a store until 1946. The family leased the store to Kenneth Ries and in 1951 the store was sold to Myrtle Theisen who ran a grocery store. In 1968 Myrtle sold the building to Elmer Ritenour who continued the grocery business. Richard Bielinski purchased this buildiing in 1974 and ran Creative Marketing out of it. He also rented to the Gundrum Insurance Agency. Bielinski later sold Creative Marketing which moved across the street. This building now houses the Gundrum Insurance Agency and 6 apartments. Richard Bielinski owns the building and occupies one of the apartments.



17.14 JMS John Rosenheimer Sr. built this building in 1905. This picture was taken shortly after that date. This building served as the headquarter's for his vast business holdings, including his brickyard operations. In the display window is a buggy for sale. John and his family lived upstairs. He sold this building around 1912. It became the long time home of the State Bank of Slinger.

Other noteable businesses located in this building included the Tolzman & Gensman Hardware store, the Tolzman Funeral Parlor, Held & Kramer Hardware Store, Dr. Smith's Dentist Office, Hess Hardware and currently it houses Creative Marketing of America. It is now owned by Jim Oaklief and is referred to as the Oaklief Building.



3.9A NM The Washington House. Circa 1908. Located on Slinger's main intersection at the present site of Don's Uni-Mart. Ernst Grasskopf ran a hotel-tavern business out of this site until about 1880. John Buch ran this business until 1891 when it was purchased by Charles Fries for \$4,000. Charles owned it for many years and Adolph Fries and John Merten had it for a short period of time. By the 1920's Andrew Bethke ran the saloon and by 1950 Roland Heder owned this business. He ran it until the late 1950's when he razed the building and built a service station. The station was leased out by Heder until the 1980's when it was sold to Don Mechenich who changed it from a service station in to a uni-mart. Don recently died and his wife JoLynn now runs the business.



RF John and Joe Merten in front of the saloon John ran in the basement of the L. Rosenheimer Store. Now the location of Tom's Bar and Grill.



LS The Fuller-Goodman Lumber Company. The original building was built in 1906 and was part of the Farmer's Supply Company. It was owned in succeeding years by the Armour Grain Company, Milwaukee Elevator and Slinger Lumber Company. In 1928 the Fuller-Goodman chain purchased it and operated a lumber and building supply company. Oscar Kratz was a long-time manager of this business. A portion of the building still stands today and is located at 501 Kettle Moraine Drive South.



BK William and Katherine Kratz standing at the doorway outside their general merchandise store at 121 Kettle Moraine Drive North. This picture was taken around the year 1900.



BK Picture on lower left is of William and Katherine Kratz inside their general merchandise store.



13.16A JK Arnold Wickert, grandson Kenneth Kuehn, and wife Elizabeth. Arnold purchased the Tolzman and Gensman Plumbing and Heating Business in 1923 and built his own shop in 1926. He remodeled it around 1950. The building is now a duplex located at 112 Kettle Moraine Dr. N. between Don's Uni-Mart and the park.



5.21 MS Joseph Urban's Livery Service transported people from the local train stations to their destinations, frequently Cedar Lake. The building was owned by Adam Firnhaber in 1869. Joe Urban had it from the late 1800's until around 1910. He was succeeded by Joseph Geller who followed in the livery business along with starting an auto dealership. By 1920, Ralph and Leo Burg took over the garage from Geller. Ralph bought out Leo 2 years later. He married Joe Geller's daughter, Esther, in 1922. Ralph had a Chevrolet dealership he ran with his sons Tom and Richard. Tom continued in the garage business and Richard went into the ambulance business which he runs out of his shop at 411 Kettle Moraine Drive South.



7.35 FK Ladislaus Wenzislaus Kachelmeier helped his dad in the bakery business which was eventually taken over by his brother Frank. Laddie also played in the Skipper Leone Band.



13.14A MT Shadyside Restaurant was built by Claude Schickert and James Tilt in 1961. It was taken over by Marge Tilt shortly thereafter and was run by Marge for many years. It is now owned and operated by Kay Kroyer. This picture was taken in 1961 shortly after the restaurant opened.



5.4 MS Vim Tractor Company built in 1920. They manufactured about 150 tractors and were closed down via a bankruptcy sale on November 24, 1923. H. L. Kadish established the Carbon Engineering Corporation in 1928 and the family still runs the business to this day.



17.7 MS Dorothy Herbst on Vim Tractor.



13.3A MW William Langenecker's new implement shop built in 1921. William purchased Joe Rosenheimer's implement business in 1915. He was also Village President from 1927 to 1936. This business is now Strupp Implement located at 118 W. Washington St.



5.16 MS John Floss Beer Hall around 1910. This is thought to have been built by John Rosenheimer, Sr. as a residence in 1902. Later, the saloon was run by Mike Mullen, Henry Bishoff and Gib Held. Currently the site of Parkdale Pet Care, 111 Kettle Moraine Drive South.



7.34 FK This 1948 picture shows from left to right: Frank Kachelmeier, Mike Mullen and Henry Bischoff. Henry took over the tavern in 1948 and ran it until he died in 1961. His wife Anna then ran the business until 1965 when she sold out to Gib Held.

Mike Mullen had run the tavern for about ten years. He took over from Annie Floss who ran the bar after her husband John had passed away.

Frank Kachelmeier was Slinger's baker for many years. He took over his parents bakery and ran it until he retired in 1969.



6.28 RK In front is Slinger's new depot, built in 1911 and shared by the railroads that came through Schleisingerville. The old depot was moved to Storck Street and with an addition and remodeling it was converted into a house that still stands at 121 Storck Street. The new depot has recently been moved to 414 Kettle Moraine Drive South and is used as headquarters of E. H. Wolf and Sons, Inc.



4.23A NM Picture on lower left is of Roy's Tap around 1937 when Roy Geldnich purchased it from the William Kratz Estate. A house was located on this property as early as 1862. By 1869 a store owned by Jacob Haberman was attached. William Kratz took over by 1890 and established a general merchandise store which he ran until around 1930.



3.7A NM This building is located at 105 Kettle Moraine Drive South. It was built by John Rosenheimer, Sr. in 1890. This building was originally Rosenheimer's Meat Market. By 1908 it was rented to Otto Wadewitz, Sr. who ran a meat market. Wadewitz later purchased the building at 117 Kettle Moraine Drive South from John Kletti and ran his meat market out of that location until his death in 1930. At that time sons Alfred and Oswin took over the meat market and ran it until 1958. The building was then sold to Norton Risse who ran a meat market for many years. This building was later the home of the Farmer's State Bank, Joe Eiche's Gamble Store and Electric Shop and the L. J. Bull Insurance Agency. It is now a two family apartment.



2.27 WCHS The Bub Body Company of Milwaukee was a specialty company producing conversion kits for the Ford Model T. Production started in 1919 and the 4 Zwebel brothers moved production to a new factory in Slinger in 1921. (Washington County Fairgrounds) At its height, the company had 25 employees and was producing 7 car bodies per day. The

company ceased operations in July 1924 leaving many local investors out in the cold.



10.12 BS View of Vim Tractor Company (now Carbon Engineering) and Modern Brass Mfg. Co. (now Sager Auto Body) around 1920.



13.15A MT The inside of Carbon Engineering during WWII, a period during which Carbon did much work for the government. Pictured here are Marge Tilt, Bernice Miller, and Otto Willers.



3.3A JS We are not sure whose brickyard this is, possibly William Kortmeyers. It was said that with equipment such as

this, that Rosenheimer's brick yard produced up to 25,000 bricks per day in 1886. The old brick buildings in Slinger are most likely all built with bricks produced at the local yards.



1.14A LRR Tolzman Funeral Home as of 1941. Constructed in 1941 by William Tolzman, the former building had at one time been a cigar factory.



5.21 MS Circa 1910. The Farmer's Grain and Elevator Company around 1910. Later leased by Milwaukee Elevator Company and purchased by Albert C. Thiel by 1925. This was run as Thiel's Mill by Albert, his son, Fred, and Fred's son Doug before closing in 1990.



9.31 SD Inside Kratz's General Store, 121 Kettle Moraine Drive North.



MS The Stork Brewing Company.



1.13A LRR William F. Tolzman, born August 4, 1881, married December 17, 1911 to Alma Gensman, died October 12, 1952. William moved to Slinger in 1914. He opened a hardware store and funeral home in the State Bank of Slinger building in partnership with his brother-in-law Michael Gensman in 1915. Michael died in 1929. His son, Ray, joined him in the business in 1936. In 1941 the hardware store was sold and the new Tolzman Funeral Home was built. William continued in the funeral business until his death. He served 29 years on the Slinger School Board, was a S.A.A. member, and honorary member of the Slinger Fire Department. 14.5 VR The picture on the lower left is the inside of Mike E. Meyer's Grocery Store around 1915. Mike Meyer took over what once was Nicholas Theisen's Tailor Shop. He built a brick addition and operated a grocery store until 1944. In 1949 this building was purchased by the VFW. The building is located at 201 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. It is still owned by the VFW and the upstairs is occupied by the popular Jim's Place.



7.12 TR Kohl's Hotel and Restaurant after the 1922 addition and remodeling. Purchased by Edward Kohl in 1914. Edward added the bowling alleys around 1919. He passed away in 1927 at the age of 42. This establishment was later owned by Martin Meyer, John Lotspeich, and Al and Gene Kohl.



5.23 MS Koening's Implement Shop on Stork Steet.





5.10 JS Rex Foundry, one of the successors to the Standard Machinery Company.



2.15 MS Interior of Standard Machinery Company around 1915. Standard Machinery built its first engine in 1911 and its last in 1919. They changed their name to the LaPoint Foundry Company in 1916. They occupied what would later become the Slinger Foundry.

KIPPENHAN'S NEW COMERCIAL HOUSE



9.1 BD The initial stage of the construction of John Kippenhan's "New Commercial House" in 1906. Excavation work begins.



9.2 BD The picture on the lower left shows the second step of the project which involves moving the house over to make room for the new building. The house still stands and is occupied by the Brian Dixon family at 406 Kettle Moraine Drive South.



9.8 BD Workers haul large stones that will become part of the 3 foot thick basement walls to the construction site. The Central Hotel is in the background. John Kippenhan leased the Central Hotel prior to constructing the "New Commercial House".



9.34 BD Workers mixing the mortar used in making the thick basement walls. The two brick houses in the background still stand today.



9.5 BD Construction is well underway as workmen pose on the roof for this picture. Note the scaffolding techniques used.



12.12A LG The completed product: John Kippenhan's New Commercial House in 1906.



17.25 MS John Kippenhan inside the New Commercial House.

FAMILIES



1.20A LRR The Gensman girls in 1910. Left to right: Emma Schuck (Peter), Matilda Storck (Charles D.), Julia Roth (Edwin), Alma Tolzman (William), Miss Amanda Gensman.



7.29 RK This picture of the Kratz family was taken around 1920. Family members, left to right standing: Edward, Walter, William G., Katherine, William, Lydia and Clara. Seated: Oscar and Hylda. Wiliam came to Schleisingerville at the age of 15 in 1874 and learned the shoe making trade. He eventually opened his own shoe store and in 1892 expanded into general merchandise. He married Katherine Schmitt in 1886 and they had eight children. The oldest, Katherine, died at age 11 in an accident involving a horse. The rest are shown in the picture. William built the house at 123 Kettle Moraine Dr. N. in 1911. His store was located next door.

Edwin Kratz lived above the State Bank of Slinger and worked at the Storck Brewery. Oscar "Slim" Kratz built the house at 510 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. He was the manager of the Fuller Goodman Lumber Company across the street. William G. Kratz worked for the State Bank of Slinger from 1916 to 1960 at which time he was bank president. He purchased his parent's house after his mother's death around 1936. His son William P. Kratz was assistant cashier and a long-time employee of the State Bank of Slinger. William P. Kratz resides with his wife Katherine "Kitty" at 612 Kettle Moraine Dr. S.



DR The Arthur W. Duehning family standing by the porch of the home they purchased in 1918. The house is still in the Duehning family and is located at 330 Kettle Moraine Dr. N. Right to left: Arthur W. Duehning, Anna Duehning who at this time is possibly pregnant with the youngest family member Carol (Saegert), Edward, Marcella (McCardle), Bill, Delores (Rudorf)--has her head down, Arthur M.--in back with hat, Emily (Greenbank)--in front of Art, Lorraine (Horsch), William "Pat" Horsch, John--in front of "Pat," Harry--turned sideways, Ralph--furthest left, the three small children in front are, right to left: Leo, Anne (Mergenthaler) and Elsie (Marcy).

Art W. worked at the Slinger Foundry. His three oldest sons were heavily involved in the local construction business. Ed and Bill ran the Duehning Bros. Construction Co. with help from their brother John and Bill's son Dennis. Art M. ran the Arthur Duehning and Son Construction Co. with his son Robert. Art M.'s daughter Marie is married to Jim Wiedmeyer, owner of Jim's Slinger Service and the laundromat next door.

Arthur W.'s brother John Duehning and John's wife Skipper Leone had a well-known sailor band from the 1930's until the early 1970's. They also ran a drug store at 125 Kettle Moraine Dr. S. between the time it was Stappenbeck's Drug Store and the Slinger Beauty Shop in the 1920's. Art W.'s other brother William Duehning, who was a Slinger mail carrier, drowned in an ice skating accident along with William's 11 year old son William Jr. and Bert Wickert, age 13. The accident occurred on Big Cedar Lake in December of 1932.



1.34A NM Geldnich family. Left to right, back row: John, Katherine Dean, Louisa Hopper, Maggie Peil, Mary Beine. Middle row: Anna Merten, William, Emma Lizzie Beine, Peter. Seated: John, Clara Schwanz, Tina Giese, Elisabeth Weber Geldnich.



13.6A NM The picture on the lower left is of LeRoy and Lucille Geldnich. LeRoy was born on December 23, 1910, in Waukesha, to William and Wilhelmina Geldnich. His grandparents, John and Elisabeth Geldnich, built a home on a farm on Kettle Moraine Drive in Slinger in 1905. When he was two years old, the family moved into the house his grandfather built.

LeRoy's jobs included working for Joe Eiche Electric, Arnold Wickert Sheet Metal and Plumbing, and the Schaefer Organ Factory. While working at the Schaefer Organ Factory for six years, Roy helped to build pipe organs for many churches.

On January 10, 1937, Roy bought the tavern from the William Kratz estate. Then, he married Lucille Gass on June 22 of the same year. Roy and Lucille owned and operated Roy's Tavern in Slinger for over 53 years. He sold the business in August of 1990 to retire.

Their only daughter, Nancy, is married to Dennis Maher and lives in Slinger on a parcel of the original Geldnich homestead. Kristine and Brian Maher are their only grandchildren.

Roy and Lucille are currently living at the Geldnich homestead in Slinger, where he grew up as a child.



3.15A LS Frank Gundrum Family. L to R (top row) Lucille, Anthony, Frances, Jerome, Roy, Bernice. (bottom row) Frances, Marian, Frank. The Gundrum family has been heavily involved in the Slinger business community. Frank and his brother Joseph T. opened the Gundrum Bros. Meat Market in 1919, Son Roy, long time Slinger School Board president, followed in the meat market and his son Tom now runs the business. Roy's son Frank heads a branch office of Northbrook Insurance in Slinger. Bernice married Robert L. Scott, a long time village employee. Lucille married Math Schaefer and their children include Judy Held who runs Judy's Beauty Boutique, Robert who is the Slinger Fire Chief and runs Schaefer Amoco and Schaefer Service Center and whose wife runs Sherry's Cuts & Curls, Ron who runs Ron's Bump Shop, and Joann Schodron who lives in Slinger. Jerry was a charter officer of Slinger Rotary, a charter member of the Slinger Advancement Association and long time Park Board member. Jerry started the Gundrum Insurance Agency in 1953 and his sons John and Larry now run the business. His daughter Nancy Schultz and



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DICK'S AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1960

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Dick's Ambulance Service was started in 1960 and has been located in the Slinger area. Dick's Ambulance Service is privately owned by Richard Burg. Dick's Ambulance Service transports emergency and non-emergency calls. Dick's Ambulance Service can transport to any hospital of patient choice. son Rick also live in Slinger. Frances married Jerome Brodzeller and kids Mike, Cindy and Diann reside in Slinger.

Frank's partner, Joseph T. Gundrum's children include Delores Held and Valeria Komp of Slinger.

Frank's cousin, Joseph A. Gundrum, was the longest continuous Slinger Village President covering a span from 1937 to 1955. Joe came to Slinger in 1922. He purchased the Eckhart and Kroeber Oil Company at 201 W. Washington Street. He rebuilt the station in 1945. Joe also started the Gundrum Oil Company. These businesses were taken over by Joe's sons-in-law, Eugene Mechenich and Cy Wolf. Cy later sold out his share of the businesses to Eugene. Jim Wiedmeyer later purchased the service station and now operates as Jim's Slinger Service. Eugene's son Don eventually took over the Gundrum Oil Company and later sold it to E. H. Wolf and Sons, Inc. Eugene's other son, Joe, runs Joe's Barber Shop in Slinger.



CB Ralph and his brother Leo Burg came to Schleisingerville in 1920. They rented Joseph Geller's auto dealership and garage. In 1922 Ralph bought out his brother's interest in the business.

Ralph married Esther Geller and they had 5 children. Twin sons, Tom and Richard followed Ralph in the garage business. In addition to running a Chevrolet dealership Ralph Burg sold farm machinery for International Harvestor for a period of about 10 years.

Richard Burg stated his ambulance business in 1960. In 1969 he built his new commercial building at 411 Kettle Moraine Drive South.

Ralph died in 1970 and was succeeded in the garage business by his son Tom. Tom ran the garage until his retirement in 1989.

Richard continues to live in Slinger at 522 Kettle Moraine Drive South. Tom lives in a new house he built at 429 Glen View Court South.





3.14A NM Geldnich Homestead built in 1905. John is on the wagon and his wife Elizabeth and two daughters are standing nearby. John passed away in 1907. This house still stands at 138 Kettle Moraine Drive North and is the home of Roy and Lucille Geldnich.



1.21A LRR This home located at 531 Kettle Moraine Drive South was built by Peter Schuck.



1.12A LRR William Tolzman house built around 1919, located at 515 Kettle Moraine Dr. S.



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6.21 RK New William Kratz house at 123 Kettle Moraine Drive North built in 1911.



8.3 DB Dr. Joseph E. Reichert was Schleisingerville's doctor from around 1890 to 1910. This picture taken around 1905 shows the doctor with his daughters, Margaret and Dorothy and wife Barbara (Rosenheimer) Reichert. This house was possibly built by Dr. Meyer Rosenheimer in the 1880's. After Dr. Reichert left, it was owned by Dr. Phillip Kauth, later by Jacob Eiche, then Phibeon Neighbor. It is now a 3 family apartment.



7.13 TR The early years of Ramstad's Mobile Home Court. This was annexed to the Village in 1987.



17.17 SG This home, located just south of the village limits at 3662 Hwy. 175, was an overnight stopping place for stagecoach travelers from Milwaukee to Fond du Lac. It is thought to have been built in 1847. Pictured left to right: Henry, Anna and Jacob Huenergard. The home was completely remodeled by Richard and Sandy Gadow in 1990.

PARADES



13.10A MT Slinger Creamery's entry into the 1969 Centennial Parade.



5.25 MS Liberty Loan Parade in 1918 helped to encourage the purchase of Liberty Bonds to support US efforts to finance World War I. This parade was headed to the South Side Park on top of the hill.



9.28 SD Schleisingerville's Red Cross Volunteers - 1918. Left to right: ?, Nora Schaefer, Elsie Fischer Nehm, Mrs. Joe Geller, Ella Theisen Stuesser, Elsie Roth Hurtgen and Clara Baehring.



2.17 MS Patriotic parade around 1918 showing support for World War I efforts. John Floss Beer Hall (currently Parkdale Pet Care) and Kletti house (currently Joe Mechenich's Barber Shop) in background.



17.15 HTP President George Bush waves to his supporters as his train passes through Slinger early Saturday afternoon, October 31, 1992. Nearly 300 people waited at the crossing on Kettle Moraine Drive for the presidential train to pass. Bush was on a final campaign swing through the state.

PRESIDENTIAL VISITS



17.4 BF President Ronald Reagan visited Hartford on July 27, 1987. His motorcade traveled through Slinger on Hwy. 60 on the way to West Bend. The traffic on Hwy. 60 was completely shut down for this event.



CW President George Bush took a whistle stop train ride through Slinger on the Saturday before the Presidential Election in 1992.

UNUSUAL PICTURES



JG Father George Jentges, St. Peter's pastor from 1943-1968, shown here with the cross that is now mounted on the church steeple.



13.22A JK The 1940 flood in Slinger.



7.30 RK June 22, 1940 Hartford Times Press. Water piled up four to nine feet deep in the center of this little hill-locked community and forced Banker William Kratz of the Slinger State bank to call on Arnold Wickert, boatmaker, for help. Wickert rowed to the Kratz residence and ferried the banker over a block to his office, right down the main street. Also in Slinger, Edward Theisen, Beaver Dam salesman, came out of the Roth hotel Saturday morning to find his car half covered by water and more than \$100 worth of candy in the rear seat ruined.



VOS The 1986 flood, Slinger's worst in over 40 years.



11.26A JG An overnight rain of 7-1/2 inches caused flooding in Slinger. The community park was under water. Water


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6.9 RK July 17, 1915 John Rosenheimer's barn fire across the street from the L. Rosenheimer Store. The John Rosenheimer barn was burned to the ground with 60 tons of hay and 600 bushels of oats. The roof of Rosenheimer's Store had started to burn, but was put out. Nearby residences of John Kramer and John Miller were saved along with the machine shop of William Langenecker. Schleisingerville was thankful for their waterworks, for had it not been for getting plenty of water, the fireman would never have gotten the fire under control, and perhaps a good portion of the Village would have been wiped out. The barn was 38 x 90 and was erected in 1901. Origin of the fire was unknown. The loss estimate was \$4,000. and was covered by insurance.





17.22 MJR Water well for the people on W. Washington St. This well was located in front of 114 W. Washington St. and was available for public use.





11.12A AD Seventeen car train wreck in Slinger on May 14, 1971. One car ended up right next to the depot. Art Duchning,

TR Kletti house explosion 1905.



JM Baruch Schleisinger Weil's West Bend house.



NEWSPAPER REVIEWS

Information Compiled By Larry Gundrum

THE OBITUARY OF LEHMAN ROSENHEIMER



11.31A RR Lehman Rosenheimer.

This obituary of Schleisingerville's leading citizen appeared in the September 25, 1878, issue of the Washington County Republican:

Lehman Rosenheimer is no more. The Merchant Prince so well known, honored and respected, has passed away from all that is of this world. We doubt if there is one, or has been one, so extensively known by citizens of this and adjoining counties as was L. Rosenheimer. Endowed as he was with so much energy, so much determination, he had extended his many branches of business over a large area of country, not only in this county but those in close proximity. Hardly any one but who knew him, and no one to condemn him. Who of us have but our faults? If he had faults, they were made to disappear like snow in the sunshine by his innumerable deeds of kindness. No one who came to him in need went away without some token of sympathy or help. He was a diamond--perhaps in the rough-but, nevertheless, a diamond. Ever liberal, free hearted and magnanimous, he collected around him close friends who appreciated and admired his many excellent qualities and forgave his peculiarities and excentricities.

Mr. Rosenheimer died in the prime of life, being about fifty-eight years of age. He was born in Dormitz, Bavaria, in 1820, emigrated to America in 1842, being twenty-two years of age at that time. He settled in the state of New York, where he was engaged in business a few years, and then came West, settling a little outside of Milwaukee, and soon after removing to the town of Addison, this county, on a farm, and from there to Schleisingerville, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits, building up a mammoth trade, which extended over all the county. No man has any comprehension of his ability, they were of too large a magnitude. Nothing, no matter how minute, escaped his watchful eye, or left his memory. His large business included all classes of merchandise, useful and in demand by farmers and others, and grain, running up into the hundreds of thousands of bushels have passed through his hands, in fact, for a number of years he controlled the market, almost in this section, sometimes demanding a whole train of cars to ship his purchases to Milwaukee. But it is useless to inform our readers of all these things, he was so well known that they are but superfluous. Enough to say is, the master has departed so quietly and so suddenly, no one expecting his death two hours previous, that all are shocked and filled with sorrow. All that loving hands could do, was done, and these have laid him away in his last resting place, behind the home his ambition and great industry have earned, beside the graves of two children, who had passed away before him.

Dr. Lynch was the attending physician, and did all in his power to save him. Mr. Paul A. Weil, of West Bend, who has been Mr. Rosenheimer's attorney for a number of years, took charge of the remains and directed the customary proceedings for their internment. Mr. Weil spoke very eloquently of the dead merchant, and remarked to your reporter that his monument should bear these words: "Here lies an honest man." Mr. Rosenheimer was sick but a few days, and died on Saturday evening last at about 7 o'clock. He leaves a large family to mourn his loss. He was buried with Jewish rites, behind his residence, and was followed to his grave by a large concourse of friends and acquaintances from home and abroad; a special train from Milwaukee arrived with many friends of the family. S.S. Barney made a few appropriate remarks eulogistic of the lamented dead.

A FEW WORDS ON INSANITY

This short note appeared in the March 19, 1886, Hartford Times-Press:

INSANITY is on the increase. Statistics show this. Many cases are brought on by overwork, anxiety, excitement, mental trouble and nervous prostration; it is also inherited. Invariably sleeplessness and constipation manifest themselves before one becomes insane. Constipation induces dyspepsia, jaundice, bad breath, piles, pimples, low spirits, headache, etc. Dr. Jones' Red Clover Tonic relieves constipation thereby curing these diseases. Price 50 cents, of druggists.

THE STRANGE TALE OF CHARLES KLOSE

As of the 1880 census Charles Klose, age 66, was married to Augusta, age 36. They had four children, the youngest being twins at age 2. Augusta was Charles' third wife so we're not sure if the children were from his marriage to Augusta or if she was previously married. With this background in mind, we share with you the following articles from the Times Press:

APRIL 16, 1886, ISSUE: Mr. Charles Klose the genial proprietor of the Junction house again feels jolly, his beloved wife, from whom he was divorced but a few days ago, having returned and again resumed the duties of housewife for the old gent. Are our courts a farce, or are divorces to be despised? Oh! Virtue thou art a thing of the past. Civilization is on the wane.

FEBRUARY 18, 1887, ISSUE: One of the most horrible and inhuman tragedies that ever fell to our lot to chronical, was enacted at Schleisingerville last Saturday evening, between the hours of 7 and 8. The facts as we learn them are substantially as follows:

Charles Klose, a keeper of a low kind of saloon and tavern, in a drunken frenzy, and apparently without premeditation, shot and killed his wife, and then shot himself. There was no one present at the time except four small children and a traveler, who had retired upstairs for the night. Soon after the stranger had gone to bed, he heard Klose and his wife engaged in a loud quarrel, and soon after he heard the report of a gun below which was soon followed by another; this so frightened him that he ran down stairs and out of the front door in his bare feet, calling the children to follow him, which they did.

It seems from the blood marks and the condition of things about the house, that Klose went into his bedroom where he kept two single barreled shot-guns, and, taking one, he stepped across the hall to the kitchen and shot his wife, who was standing by a table making bread, the charge taking effect in the face which was in close proximity to the muzzle of the gun. She fell and expired almost instantly. He then returned to the bedroom, took the other gun, and placed its muzzle against his head and fired. His aim, however, was unsteady and the charge only tore away a portion of his cheek. He then deliberately reloaded the gun, as is supposed by the blood found on the shot bag and powder flask, and then went and locked the front door, and returned to the bed room. He then either through accident, or intention, set fire to the room by igniting some kerosene oil. By this time the neighbors were aroused, and as he heard them coming in the back door he grasped the gun he had reloaded and sent the load crashing through his brain, falling dead, as the party entered the house.

The flames were soon extinguished, and then the party were horrified by the scene which met their gaze. Klose was laying partly on one side near the bed, dead, the charge of shot having entered the eye and passed through the brain. His wife was found just across the hall in the kitchen, where she had fallen from the first shot. The charge entered her mouth and passed backward into her brain. It was said there was a feeble sign of life in her when first discovered, but it soon went out.

An inquest was held on the bodies the same evening, and the following jurymen rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts. Valentine Fischer, John Buch, John Schuck, T. Baehring, Bernhard Burger, jurymen.

Her remains and the brute's carcass were buried last Monday, and it is reported as reliable, that Klose was dumped into a rough box as he died, hauled to the grave yard on a stone boat, and buried with his two old guns that did the mischief by his side.

Klose was about 75 years old, and had been a resident of Schleisingerville for over thirty years. He was a mean, low, disreputable man, and when crazed by drink was a holy terror to the community.

The murdered woman was his third wife, about 45 years of age, and since her marriage to Klose they lived in an almost continual brawl. She left him several times, and not long since she commenced an action against him for divorce, which was afterwards discontinued. She leaves five children, two boys and three girls. Dissipation, jealousy and domestic troubles, combined with a bad disposition, culminated in the rash and fatal deed.

THE DISPUTE OVER SLINGER'S CLAIM TO BE WASHINGTON COUNTY BASKETBALL CHAMPS FOR 1920

Whenever two towns are in close proximity, there is a natural rivalry that develops. This is especially true when the smaller town claims superiority over the larger town. Such was the case in 1920. The following articles appeared in the Hartford Times-Press during the course of that basketball season. Some are written by the Slinger reporter, some by the Hartford reporter.

JANUARY 16, 1920, SLINGER REPORTER: On Monday evening when the S.A.C. played Fogarty's Doughboys, Slinger people witnessed the fastest game of the season. The visitors are players picked from all over the United States, each player having his own record as a basketball star. The first score was made by Slinger, then their opponents scored, after which Slinger added two more baskets, making the score 2 to 6 in Slinger's favor. It was after this that the visiting team scored well, ending the first half by 18 to 10 in their favor. The second half was decidedly in Slinger's favor, scoring them 7 points, while the visitors scored only 2. The final score was 17 to 20 in favor of the Doughboys. The good qualities as players by Fogarty's men cannot be criticized, except that a twenty-minute half against the swift S.A.C. is too much for Fogarty. It was necessary for him to have a sham quarrel three times during the second half to enable him to catch his breath. The local boys are not disappointed at the result of the game because their ambition had not been to win the game, but only to prevent a shut-out. The hall was packed by interested spectators.

JANUARY 16, 1920, HARTFORD REPORTER: A large number of basketball fans from this city went to Schleisingerville Monday evening to witness this basketball game between the Slinger five and the famous Fogarty Doughboys, of Fond du Lac. The latter team was victorious after 40 minutes of the most strenuous playing seen on the Slinger floor for some time. The "Doughboys" took the lead in the first half, and that half ended with a score of 18 to 10 in their favor. In the last half Slinger played the best game, holding the Fond du Lac team to only one basket, while they succeeded in getting three baskets and a free throw themselves. The station agent at Schleisingerville reports that he sold 140 tickets to Hartford people who returned on the Pioneer Limited.

MARCH 5, 1920, SLINGER REPORTER: The Slinger A.C. for the fourth successive year won the WASHINGTON COUNTY BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, when they defeated Kewaskum at Kewaskum on Sunday, February 29, 37 to 30. The game was very interesting, and was witnessed by the largest crowd that ever attended a game at Kewaskum. The first half ended with Kewaskum at the lead 24 to 17, but in the second half the Slinger five showed their regular form and in less than five minutes were in the lead, 29 to 24. After that the Slinger team kept a safe lead until the end. O'Malley, of Marquette, was in the Kewaskum line-up, but still the Slinger five, composed of all home players, was too fast for them. P. Fries, of the Slinger team, had his jaw broken in the second half, but finished the game in great shape.

In the past week the Slinger A.C. won two other games. On Wednesday, February 25, they traveled to Fond du Lac, and defeated the Ruepings, Fox River Valley champions, 22 to 16. It was the second game the Ruepings lost this season, their only other defeat being handed them by the Edisons, of New London. The Slinger team will go to Fond du Lac for a second game on Saturday, March 13.

On Saturday, February 28, the Slinger A.C. easily won from the Van Brunt A.C. of Horicon, 86 to 22.

MARCH 12, 1920, HARTFORD REPORTER: SLINGER TAKE NOTICE: WHO ARE THE CHAMPIONS? Our neighboring village of Schleisingerville is getting quite puffed up of late and is claiming the championship of Washington County in basketball. Manager Davis, of the Kissel City Club team, this city, has offered to play Schleisingerville a number of times, and has given them eleven dates to choose from. Still they have come out with statements claiming that they are the champions of Washington County. The local team now challenges the Slinger quintet to play a series of games to decide the championship. If the Slinger team refuses to play they forfeit the championship to the Hartford five. Now Slinger, what do you say? Who are the champions? We want your answer in the next week's issue of The Times. If you refuse to answer, our readers will know that it's a case of cold feet, and forfeiting of the championship.

MARCH 19, 1920, SLINGER REPORTER: FOR THE KISSEL CITY TEAM. The Slinger A.C. basketball team was at all times ready to play Hartford, but find that the Hartford team has failed to come up to their terms. Hartford would like to dictate to Slinger the way they did in baseball when Slinger

asked them for a game and they told them to get a reputation. Slinger could do the same thing to Hartford in basketball, since their record shows that they are by far superior to Hartford, but Slinger comes out like real sportsmen and has already offered to play Hartford at Hartford and Slinger and on a neutral floor but it seems as though Hartford does not care to play out of their own gym.

The Slinger A.C. is herewith publishing its record for the season, and advises Hartford to publish theirs and let the people decide which is the better team, as there are some teams which both have played, as for instance the Merton Dairies, who won from Hartford 31 to 19, while they lost to Slinger 32 to 11, and Horicon, who Hartford just nosed out, while Slinger beat them 86 to 22. Slinger has played 23 games this season, 10 of which were played out of town, and they have lost in all only 5 games. They have piled up 1066 points against their opponents' 523.

Slinger, 32; Merton Dairies, 11. Slinger, 74; Jiffy Jells, Waukesha, 34. Slinger, 39; Neenah Athletics, 14. Slinger, 50; Laf-a-Lots, F. du L., 22. Slinger, 14; Hartland, 16. Slinger, 56; Paine Lumber Co., 20. Slinger, 38; Laf-a-Lots, F. du L., 20. Slinger, 67; Concordia College, 34. Slinger, 25; Cream City A.C., 32. Slinger, 68; West Point Specials, 16. Slinger, 64: Oakfield, 18. Slinger, 44; Kewaskum, 14. Slinger, 17; Fogarty Doughboys, 20. Slinger, 18; Neenah Cardinals, 34. Slinger, 19, Port Washington, 47. Slinger, 68; Neenah Athletics, 28. Slinger, 47; Sodality Specials, 24. Slinger, 49; Delmontes, 19. Slinger, 22; Rueping Leather Co., 16. Slinger, 86; Horicon, Van Brunts, 22. Slinger, 37; Kewaskum, 30. Slinger, 114; Wallace & Smiths, 22. Slinger, 18; Rueping Leather Co., 10.

APRIL 2, 1920, HARTFORD REPORTER: HEADLINE: HARTFORD LOSES FAST BASKETBALL GAME TO SLINGER, VISITORS CAME "LOADED" WITH RIPON STARS, WHO TAKE THE GAME ONLY AFTER HARD FOUGHT BATTLE. WON IN THE LAST INNING. LARGEST CROWD ON RECORD IN ATTENDANCE --GAME CLEANLY FOUGHT AND INTERESTING. RETURN CONTEST NEXT WEEK. With people jamming the hall to the doors, the largest crowd that ever witnessed a local basketball game, the much-awaited Slinger-Hartford game was played at the Kissel City club rooms last evening, and resulted in favor of the visiting boys by a score of 34 to 41. However, the game cannot be called a contest against the Slinger quintet, due to the fact that three Ripon college stars and all state men, played on their lineup. These were Lunde, Gustin and Herbst. The other two men were regular Slinger players. In playing the game with these two players (Gustin and Lunde) Slinger violated an agreement made with the Kissel City club previous to the game. However, in order not to disappoint the crowd, the

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local manager let this pass, and the game between the Slinger-Ripon and Hartford teams was on.

For the first few minutes, rapid team work predominated. However, the scoring soon began, when Rhodes, for the locals, dropped two pretty field goals through the basket. This was soon followed by baskets by Bloor and White, also of the locals. Then Duehning made the first basket for the Slinger team. From then until the final whistle blew the playing was intense, each side trying to outdo the other. At times the teams were on an even basis, and not until the last whistle blew could the Slinger-Ripon team claim victory. Gustin, of Ripon College, featured for the Slinger quintet, getting 20 of their 41 points. The other Ripon College man, Lunde, played a good guard game, but Slinger's own men did not show up as well as was expected. For the Hartford quintet, the best player is hard to choose, for each played the game as a professional. Rhodes and Bloor secured the most points, getting 7 baskets a piece. White, Theisen, Brunette and Richard also played games worthy of special mention.

One feature of the game which did not meet with the approval of the fans was the work of the visiting referee. Whenever the local boys were under their basket, he would call a tie ball. However, when the Slinger-Ripon men had the ball under their basket, he would let a Hartford and Slinger-Ripon man wrestle for some time before calling a tie ball. Outside of this, the refereeing was impartial to both sides, and only five fouls were called in all.

On April 10, next Saturday, the local team will play a return game at Schleisingerville. This will decide the championship of Washington County, for if the local team loses, the honors go to Slinger.

Tomorrow night (Saturday) the local Kissel City club team meets Al Seeger's Champions, of Milwaukee. This is claimed to be one of the best teams in the state, and a good game can be expected.

APRIL 2, 1920, SLINGER REPORTER: The Slinger Athletic club closed a successful basketball season April 1, when they played the Kissel City Club team of Hartford at that place. It was one of the most interesting games of the season and was staged before the largest crowd that ever witnessed a game at Hartford. It ended very favorably for the locals, with a score of 41 to 34 in their favor. Hartford scored the first points, but Slinger soon got the lead and kept it throughout the entire game. Good team work was displayed on both sides. The game was not what the boys had expected it to be, due to three of the regular players, Oswin Wadewitz, Oscar Roth and Charles Fries, being sick and unable to play. With the substitute and two players from Ripon it was possible to have the game at all, otherwise it would have had to been cancelled.

The Kissel City Club need not, as has been said by Hartford folks, feel as though they were treated unfair by the S.A.C. on account of the two outside players. It is undisputed that under the conditions of having two of the best players sick it was necessary to have outside help to defeat them. Nevertheless, there is no doubt in the minds of local people and outsiders who know the qualities of the S.A.C. as a team which of the two is the better team. The Hartford City Club can congratulate themselves on not having met the regular S.A.C. five, or their fate might have been a worse one. It was not showing much sportsmanship for Hartford to come out at the eleventh hour of the season with not much to their credit, to dispute the S.A.C.'s county championship, which title was not claimed until it had been honestly won by successful playing.

APRIL 9, 1920, HARTFORD REPORTER: Manager Davis, of the Kissel City Club basketball team, this week received a letter from the Slinger A.C., cancelling the game between the Kissel quintet and the Slinger five, which was to have been played at Schleisingerville tomorrow night. The lateness of the season, and due to the fact that Roth and Wadewitz, two of Slinger's best players, are out of the game on account of illness, probably caused them to cancel the game. The game played here last week Thursday evening was therefore Slinger's last game of the season, and that game closed a most successful season for the Slinger five. They have won practically every game played, and by winning last Thursday's contest, have clinched beyond question the championship of Washington County.

WERE ATTACKED BY ROWDIES

With the advent of the automobile and the problems caused by dirt roads, codes of conduct were not always clear. This short article appeared on page 1 of the June 21, 1918, Hartford Times:

WALTER AND OSCAR KRATZ, OF SLINGER, "BEATEN UP" BY TWO UNKNOWN MEN TUESDAY WHILE DRIVING HOME FROM HARTFORD

A rather raw attack and apparantly uncalled for was made upon Walter and Oscar Kratz, two young men of Schleisingerville, last Tuesday afternoon, while the young men were returning to their home in a car from a trip to Hartford. A machine containing two unknown men followed them and endeavored for quite some time to pass the Kratz car which they were unable to do. They bacame angry at this delay and when they did succeed in getting by they stopped their machine and walked back to the Kratz car and set upon the boys, giving them a severe beating. They then got into their own car and drove away in a cloud of dust. However, the Kratz boy secured the license number of the other car and as soon as the owner of the machine can be identified they will be called to account for their actions.

However, there is one point to be considered, and that is that if the Kratz boys were guilty of unnecessarily obstructing the road and refusing to let the other car pass them, they were deserving of the treatment that they received. If, on the other hand, it was impossible for them to turn out before they did in order to let the other machine safely by, the rowdies that beat them up should be made to pay the full penalty of the law. There is altogether too much uncivility between automobile parties using the public highways, which are free to all to use intelligently in the pursuit of one's business.

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A WEST BEND REPORTER'S VIEW OF SCHLEISINGERVILLE

This brief note by a West Bend reporter appeared in the January 29, 1875, issue of the West Bend Republican after he visited Schleisingerville:

This is not a very large place; probably about half as large as West Bend, but from appearances we should judge that the business done there would compare favorably to this village (West Bend). There are two large stores in this place, L. Rosenheimer & Sons and John Pick & Sons, both firms doing a heavy business judging from the large stock they carry. There are several saloons and hotels of which H. Sternemann and E. Grosskopf are the most popular.

HAD CLOSE CALL FROM DEATH

Hartford Times, December 11, 1914:

Edmund Kletti, of Schleisingerville, had a close call from being killed last Saturday afternoon while oiling the shafting in the blacksmith shop of his brother, Fred Kletti, in that village. His clothes got caught in a revolving shaft, but by bracing himself against a joist managed to save himself from being seriously if not fatally injured. Before the machine could be stopped, most of the clothes were torn from his body. He suffered a fracture of the right leg below the knee and a severe contusion of the bone of the left leg.

HAS SECOND MISFORTUNE

Hartford Times, February 26, 1915:

John Kletti, son of Fred Kletti, owner of a livery stable at Schleisingerville, had the misfortune to fall and break his left leg while pushing a buggy into the stable last Monday evening. Shortly before Christmas the young man had the misfortune to break the same leg and was just about getting over it so he could do a little work.

(Editor's note: It seems to me that Ron Kletti of current times has also broken several bones. Could this be hereditary?)

SELLS MACHINERY BUSINESS

Hartford Times, June 25, 1915:

Joseph Rosenheimer, of Schleisingerville, has sold his machinery business to William E. Langenecker, of Allenton,

who took possession this week. The new owner contemplates erecting a large warehouse.

THOUSANDS THRILLED BY SLINGER HILL CLIMB



17.12 TAR Before it became Little Switzerland in 1941, Winter's Hill was used for motorcycle hill climb events. These events took place in the early 1930's. Apparently one rider lost his life when he went over the top of the hill and crashed.

Winter's Hill, located at Slinger, was the scene of the thrilling annual motorcycle climb last Sunday which attracted nearly eight thousand spectators. Thirty roaring, bucking motorcycles, driven by thirty determined riders, fought their way up the 55 per cent incline in a mad race against time. These cyclists, who clung with hands and knees in bronco-busting fashion, included the best professional and amateur riders from Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota and Manitoba, Canada. The course followed was not long, only 275 feet; but as one rider said, if it were any steeper, dirt would not stay on the hill.

When the climb began, the ground was covered with grass. The rain of Sunday morning had softened the dirt, however, so that by the time a half dozen riders had sent their mounts roaring and plunging up the hill, the narrow track looked like a plow field. The soft ground affected the time considerably; and only one rider, Art Earlenbaugh, of Milwaukee, made the course in less than eight seconds. However, if the condition of the hill cut down the speed, it added to the thrills. at times even the best riders were unable to hold their machines; and more than one skidded wildly off the track and into the crowd that lined the side of the course. But it was all part of the fun, and no one received any injuries.

The five winners in each of the two events will be entered in the national championship climb.

The "Amber Inn," located at the intersection of Hwy. 60 & 144 just outside of Slinger, was built and established in 1962 by William & Iona Langenecker and then named "Kettle Inn."

Purchased in 1969 during the Slinger Centennial by Lothar (Terry) and Ann Koehnke, the establishment was renamed to and then operated as "Terriannies Supper Club" and became well noted for their Continental and American Cuisine and excellent, well-staffed service, enjoying a substantial following from their former Milwaukee operation.

After a brief interruption and reevaluation of "today's trends," the supper club image was changed into a country inn type of atmosphere in March of 1980. The new name "Amber Inn" was chosen.

With a now scaled down dinner menu but the addition of a wide variety of delicious charbroiled sandwiches and broasted chicken, the Koehnke's continue to enjoy their reputation for excellent food and drinks and are now, after 25 years, the longest established bar/restaurant operators in Slinger and most of it's immediate surroundings.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE "SLINGER COLUMN" OF THE HARTFORD TIMES

JUNE 12, 1885: Again we assert that we should organize a fire company to guard against any danger of fire. Let some active person take the matter in hand.

JUNE 12, 1885: Hotel for sale in Schleisingerville. Lies between St. Paul and Wisconsin Centrail Railroads--in good repair--contains 16 rooms. Convenient for keeping boarders and travelers. Good well and cistern and good stable and large garden. George Jung. (Jung later leased this hotel to Chas. Fries.)

JUNE 26, 1885: Rosche Bros. have renovated the Schleisingerville Foundry and are turning out a #1 plow.

JUNE 26, 1885: Tramps are becoming a nuisance. Have we not a law preventing vagrancy?

MAY, 1886: Schleisingerville can now boast of seven saloons all in full blast and all doing comparatively well despite hard times.

JUNE 25, 1886: Where! Oh where is our promised lockup? Tramps are becoming a public nuisance.

JULY 23, 1886: Rosenheimers are manufacturing over 25,000 bricks per day; they are moulding by machinery.

APRIL 5, 1895: George Stroebel, one of the first settlers of Schleisingerville, died at his home March 30, aged over 76 years. Born Bryon, Germany July 4, 1818. Came to this town 1847 where he has since resided.

MARCH 30, 1909: The rebuilding of Peter Schuck's warehouse has begun. The new building will be about four times the size of the old one.



17.21 MJR Peter Schuck built this warehouse in 1909. It was razed to make room for a parking lot next to the store.

DECEMBER 29, 1916: The Boston College girls last week Tuesday evening met defeat by the local basketball team to the tune of 34 to 20. The young ladies were no match for the locals, and this to some extent was disappointing. The large crowd nevertheless seemed to enjoy the clash.

MARCH 16, 1917: Charles W. Murray, formerly superintendent of the Standard Machinery Company, of this village, and of late holding a similar position with the Lasure Pulley & Clutch Company of Madison, was arrested on a statutory charge and bound over to Municipal court at Milwaukee. He is accused of taking Elma Zeller to a downtown hotel on February 25th. His bail was fixed at \$1,000.

MARCH 23, 1917: C. W. Murray, of Madison, formerly of here, was found guilty of adultery in Judge Backus' court at Milwaukee and was sentenced \$500 and costs, or six months' imprisonment.

MAY 4, 1917: Village Marshal Otto C. Bartelt issued a warning to citizens who let their chickens run at large. People just now are preparing their gardens, and they dislike having the seed picked out by the fowl. There is a village ordinance in existence which provides a penalty for this negligence of chicken owners.



6.13 RK West Washington Street, Circa 1910. The house on the right is thought to be the house where the manager of John Rosenheimer, Sr.'s farm would reside. It has long since been removed. Stray chickens like the one in the middle of this street could wreak havoc on neighbor's gardens.

JULY 27, 1917: The local saloonkeepers have organized themselves to jointly prevent offensive practices in their trade and guard their lawful interests. The following officers have been elected: President John Merten, Secretary J. P. Miller, Treasurer Fred Roth. It was decided to close the saloons at 12 o'clock midnight, except at dances, when they may be open all night.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1917: While making the run to the St. Lawrence fire Sunday afternoon the Schleisingerville hook and ladder equipment was all but about wrecked, when the wheels collapsed and the cart tipped over. The cart was hitched on behind a Ford car, and the rocky conditions of the road soon pounded the spokes loose in the wheels, letting it collapse in a heap. Fortunately no one was riding upon the cart at the time.

It was left laying beside the road while the fire laddies drove over in the car so as to offer all the assistance possible to our neighboring village which for a time was threatened to be wiped out.

NOVEMBER 9, 1917: Everett Schubert and Robert Merten have found Slinger too small for their ambitions. They left Thursday evening, leaving no word as to their whereabouts. They will undoubtedly be back in a short time.

MARCH 29, 1918: The Slinger A.C. closed a successful season of basketball Saturday, March 23, defeating Neenah 58-28. The Slinger A.C. lost only one game this season.

MAY 17, 1918: Dr. Kletti is erecting a beautiful \$8,000 residence. Dr. Kletti will use the Dunham Vapor System in heating his home, the same as the Kissel Brothers installed in a number of the highest priced homes in Hartford. (Editor's note: This house still stands at 304 Kettle Moraine Dr. S.)

JUNE 14, 1918: The fire department received their new hook and ladder truck Wednesday, June 12, 1918. Ten members have gone to war. With the good equipment they now have, the fire department will perhaps feel the absence of ten of its members who have gone to war, less than formerly, when coping with fires.

OCTOBER 17, 1919: TRACTOR STRUCK BY TRAIN. The first tractor built by the Vim Tractor Co. was reduced to an irreparable bunch of junk Monday afternoon when it was struck by No. 46, the south bound St. Paul passenger. The accident occurred on the crossing a few yards west of the depot, at the same place where a few months ago Theo. Frey crashed into the train with Dr. Kauth's Ford sedan.

William Polzin, an employee of the Vim Tractor Co., was hauling freight from the depot with the tractor. He did not hear nor see the oncoming train until he was directly on the track. He then made an effort to back off, but no avail, one wheel having become stuck in the track. Being unable to save the tractor, he jumped, thereby avoiding a bad shaking up. The

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train was delayed about 14 minutes while the ruins were being removed from the track.



16.22A LS The first Vim tractor after it was struck by a train.

APRIL 23, 1920: "Modern Brass Mfg. Co." A newly organized company began excavating for the basement of their factory--it will be built on Oak Street. (Editor's note: This is the current site of Sager Auto Body at 315 Oak St.)

JANUARY 30, 1920: The Royal Neighbors held a meeting at their hall Monday evening for the purpose of installing officers who had been elected at a recent meeting. Eugenia Schmitt, oracle of the Hartford Camp, had charge of the meeting and installation. She is marshal of a drive being made in Washington County to secure new members. Following are the officers installed for the coming year: Oracle, Sadie Rosenheimer; vice-oracle, Carrie Thiel; past oracle, Carrie Eggert; chancellor, Nora Theisen; recorder, Nora Kletti; receiver, Margaret Meister; marshal, Amy Stappenbeck; assistant marshal, Alma Kletti; inner sentinel, Linda Baehring; outer sentinel, Tillie Rosche. After the business was concluded a lunch was served, and the Hartford ladies returned home on the late train.

SLINGER QUAS QUI CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

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PARADE COMMITTEE

Slinger Advancement Association Slinger-Allenton Rotary Slinger Advancement Association Slinger Historian Slinger Advancement Association

Chairman

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Slinger Fire Department Slinger Lion's Club Slinger Junior Women's Club Slinger V.F.W. Washington County Humane Society

SCHEDVLE OF EVENTS

SLINGER'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION THEME "YESTERDAY ONCE MORE" JUNE 17, 18, AND 19

FRIDAY: JUNE 17

6:00 P.M. "Back to the Future" Kiddie Parade

7:00 P.M. 4-H Pie and Ice Cream Social

8:00 P.M. Memorabilia Review

8:00 P.M. Band "CLASS OF 62"

Adult Volleyball Tournament and Little League Games

SATURDAY: JUNE 18

7:30 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M. St. John's Pancake Breakfast
9:00 A.M. 5 Mile Run / 2 Mile Walk
All Day - Clown Skits
NOON - Parade
After the parade - Slinger War Veterans Memorial Dedication
Afternoon and Evening - Adult Volleyball
Afternoon and Evening - Kids Activities on the Little League Diamond
2:00 P.M. SARA Dance Group Program
4:00 P.M. High School Jazz Band
4:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Slinger - Allenton Rotary Steak Dinner
Afternoon - Square Dance Display
8:30 P.M. Band "FRECKLES AND THE HOSTAGES"

SUNDAY: JUNE 19

- 12:30 P.M. Dan Kirk "THE JUGGLER WITH THE BIG YELLOW SHOES"
 - 1:00 P.M. Kitchenaires Senior Friends Band
- 1:00 P.M.. Radio Controlled Cars on tennis courts. Test your skills against Slinger Speedway Drivers

1:30 P.M. 125TH Raffle Drawing

2:00 P.M. Line Dancing

2:00 P.M. Band "EASTWOOD"

Adult Events on Softball Diamond

Kids Events on Little League Diamond

Evening - Special 125 lap feature race at Slinger Super Speedway to commemorate Slinger's Quas Qui Centennial.

AND ALL WEEKEND LONG

Carnival Rides and Games Slinger Fire Department Beer Stand Slinger Lion's Club Food Stand Slinger Junior Women's Club Candy and Soda Stand Boy Scouts Tent Clown Face Painting



Hansen's Foods, opened its doors on October 19, 1969, in what now houses Dairy Queen. The store was operated by Jack & Doris Hansen. The company is now known as Jacob L. Hansen Foods Inc. and is doing business as Hansen's Piggly Wiggly, after joining the franchise ranks of Piggly Wiggly Supermarkets.

Now operating supermarkets in Slinger, Hubertus, Saukville, and Jackson, this family business is very proud of its ties to small communities and certainly to the Village of Slinger, who supported this company in its initial stages.

Hansen's Piggy Wiggly, Slinger is now celebrating 25 years of business in our third location in Slinger.



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