

Land Transactions of Joseph Willibald Brickl



My grandfather, Joseph Willibald Brickl, was born Sunday, October 25, 1885 and died June 7, 1974. On August 25, 1909 he married Rosanna Meixelsperger (b. January 18, 1891 ó d. February 14, 1985).

Like his father, Alois Brickl, there were numerous land transactions in his life time. In my research I have mostly included the Warranty Deeds. If I included every mortgage and other documents at the Sauk County Register of Deeds this would be a never ending task. I have include before each Warranty Deed, notes on research that led to why

I searched out that document. Some of the transactions I have no idea why grandfather purchased the land or plot, except that it was a money making deal.



First off I set out to make a timeline of everything I could find on Joseph Brickl. I not only referenced Hildegarde Thering's book "A History of Plain, Wisconsin," also her handwritten notes made in spiral notebooks. When Gary Haas digitized them they were assigned file names such as "htat0005" which are referenced throughout this document. On page 16, I have listed all my sources, but felt it necessary to explain why you see "Thering Notes" as a reference throughout.

- *Thering Notes htbc0013* - Joseph Brickl graduated S.G. Hi June 1904 also Lucy Pronald.
- *Per my phone call of May 2020 to River Valley in Spring Green, WI.* A secretary says they have the old Spring High School records. She found a list of all the graduates and Joseph Brickl is listed. At the time the secretary was looking for more info and would get back to me if found.

I included the above notes on grandfather graduating from the Spring Green High School prior to the opening of St. Luke's High School in Plain because it was just unique in that period of time for a farm boy from Plain to do something like that .

(Grandfather Joseph Brickl was still a single man at this time.)

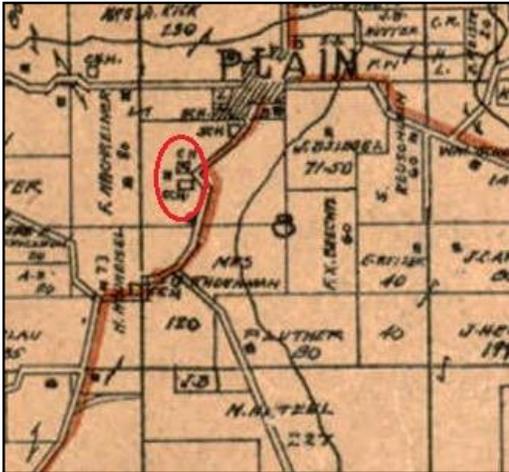
An agreement or deed on November 6, 1907 where Joseph Brickl is buying from his parents, Alois and Justina Brickl land above and below the cheese factory (Cedar Grove) for \$3000 recorded on November 9, 1907. We knew it as the Laubmeier farm. See top of page 4 where Grandpa Joseph sells this land back to his parents in Warranty Deed Vol. 97 page 554 #157327. Later Grandpa Joseph buys this same land back. See the bottom of page 4 Warranty Deed Vol. 99 p.102 #157807a. Also see on page 3 a 1921 Plat Map showing Joe Laubmeier as owner.

Warranty Deed Vol.91 p.462 #1452255A

Grantee or buyer: Jos Brickl - Grantor or seller: Alois and Justina Brickl

The South east quarter (1/4) of the North east quarter (1/4); the North east quarter of the South east quarter (1/4) and all that part of the South east quarter (1/4) of the South west quarter (1/4) lying South of the highway running in a easterly direction through the forty. Also a strip of land described as follows: Commencing twenty (20) feet West of the South east corner on the North east quarter (1/4) of the South east quarter (1/4) and running South thirty (30) rods to the public highway running East and West, thence West twenty (20) feet thence North thirty (30) rods; thence East twenty (20) feet to place of beginning. Except a strip along the South line of the N. E. ¼ of the S.E. ¼, formerly deeded to Frank Gassner. All in Section four (4) town nine (9) and Range four (4) East.

- Baraboo News, May 27, 1909, p.11 - Joseph Bauer, Sr., to Joseph Brickl, land in Franklin town; \$22.



(Grandfather Joseph Brickl was still a single man at this time.)
 An agreement or deed on May 15, 1909 where Joseph Brickl is buying from Joseph Sr. and Anna Bauer a small portion of land for the sum of \$22 recorded on May 17, 1909. See 1913 map at left where circled in red is the old St. Luke's church which went down in the cyclone. The land purchased would have been west of the highway that heads towards Spring Green. From the description on the deed it is difficult to locate the exact plot of land on the map.

Warranty Deed Vol.93 p.478 #149608A

Grantee or buyer: Joseph Brickl - Grantor or seller: Joseph and Bauer Sr. Anna Bauer

Commencing at a point forty seven (47) rods north of the line running east and west through the center of section eight (8) Town Nine (9) and Range (4) E west of the public highway known as the Spring Green Stage Road running thence west one (1) rod thence north one half rod (1/2) rod thence

east one (1) rod thence south one half (1/2) rod to place of beginning. Said lot is situated in Section eight (8) Town nine (9) and Range four (4) East.

(Grandparents Joseph and Rosanna Brickl had been married just a little over a year at this time)

An agreement or deed on September 26, 1910 Joseph Brickl is buying from John B. and Anna Brechtl for the sum of \$8 a plot or lot recorded on October 4, 1910. See 1893 map at the top of page 8 where J. B. Brechtl owned land and take note of the above 1913 map for location of old St. Luke's church. Again from the description on the deed it is difficult to locate the exact plot of land on the map. Maybe Joseph Brickl was just adding to the same plot he purchased in the previous deed. Possibly together these two lots along with the lot purchased at the top of page 8 Warranty Deed Vol. 106 p. 321 #169080 were all connected and where Joseph and Rosanna built their house located at 1310 Cherry Street in Plain, Wisconsin. It was in this home that the family was living in when the 1918 cyclone blew the St. Luke's Church down. Later Joseph and Rosanna sold the home to the congregation to be used as a parsonage.

Warranty Deed Vol.96 p.249 #153309

Grantee or buyer: Joseph Brickl - Grantor or seller: John B. and Anna Brechtl

Commencing at a point one hundred twenty three (123) feet west and forty (40) feet North of the North East corner of St. Luke's Catholic Church property in Section Eight (8) Town Nine (9) and Range (4) East running thence west the (10) feet, thence nearly North twenty (20) feet, thence East ten (10) feet, thence nearly South twenty (20) feet, to place of beginning, together with a right of way not less than twenty (20) feet wide from the highway running in a northerly direction near by the south west corner of this lot.

- Thering Notes htbg0021 - Jan 27, 1910 -- New barn Joseph Brickl

I wonder if this new barn would be on what we knew as the Laubmeier Farm. (Per April 10, 2010 from Fr. Ray Dischler with info from Uncle Fr. Joe) "Joseph W. Brickl, built the buildings on the Tony Laubmeier Farm." Fr. Joseph M. Brickl was born to Joseph W. and Rosanna Brickl on June 18, 1910.

- Thering Notes htbg0031 - Dec 29, 1910 --Joseph Brickl Cedar Grove Cheese Factory.
- Thering Notes htbb0085 - Joseph Brickl has purchased Cedar Grove Fty Joseph Weiss
- Hildegard Thering Book p. 48 - December 1910 till September 1911 - Cedar Grove Cheese Factory.
- Baraboo News, Jan. 5, 1911, p.5 - Joseph Brickl, Jr. has purchased the Cedar Grove Cheese factory of Joseph Weiss.
- Baraboo News, Feb. 9, 1911, p.11 - Joseph Brickel has moved to the Cedar Grove Cheese factory which he recently purchased of Joseph Weiss.
- Thering Notes htah0054 - June 1911 Jos Weis - salesman for the Brickl cheese fty. & Jos Thering sales men for the Kreul factory went to R.C. Monday on business. The Kirk Patrick cheese warehouse in that city where these gentlemen sell their cheese was burned last Thursday.

- *Thering Notes htbg0035* - June 15, 1911 - 22--Joe Weiss salesman for the Brickl cheese factory and Jos Thering salesman for the Kreul cheese factory went to RC as the Kirkpatrick cheese warehouse in that city where these men sell their cheese was burned last Thursday night.
- *A History of Plain, Wisconsin by Hildegard Thering in 1982, page 48* - In January 1910, Walter Constantine sold his cheese factory to George Bauer, who sold the property to Joseph H. Weiss in July 1910. In December 1910, Joseph W. Brickl acquired the factory from Mr. Weiss. The following year in September 1911, the factory was taken over by Sylvester Schweiss. After twenty-eight years, Mr. Schweiss sold the factory to Herman Liegel in January 1939. On September 10, 1947, the business was purchased by Ferdie Nachreiner from Herman Liegel.
- *Baraboo News, Dec. 29, 1910, p.8* - Joseph H. Weiss has sold his farm to Joseph Brickl for \$3,400. **See transaction below. This really was for Cedar Grove Cheese Factory not a sale of a farm for \$3,400.**
- *Thering Notes htbb0082* Jos Weiss to Joseph Brickl land in section 4 Town 9 range 4, Troy 3400 [Maybe about Dec. 1910] **(I believe Troy would have been a writing error. Looking at a Troy Township plat map there isn't a section 4 in town 9 range 4. Franklin Township plat map has a section 4 in town 9 range 4.)**

Warranty Deed Vol. 96 page 456 #15407a
GRANTEE INDEX P. 54I

Grantee (buyer): Joseph Brickl - Grantor (seller) Joseph H. and Mary Weiss

*(This document is Joseph Brickl **purchasing** cheese factory we knew as the Cedar Grove Cheese Factory from Weiss.)*

An agreement made on December 10, 1910 between Joseph H. and Mary Weiss selling to Joseph Brickl for the sum of \$3400. Document recorded on December 16, 1910.

A parcel of land off the east side of the South east quarter of the South west quarter (1/4) and a parcel off the west side of the South west quarter (1/4) of the South east quarter (1/4) described as follows: Commencing at the corner formed by the highway running east and then highway running North through and along the east line of the first described forty thence running west Nine (9) rods; thence North Nine (9) rods; thence east eighteen (18) rods; thence south nine (9) rods, thence West Nine (9) rods to place of beginning. All in Section four (4) Town Nine (9) North and Range four (4) East.



Circled in blue on the above 1921 Plat Map is the location of Cedar Grove at that time Sylvester Schweiss was the owner. See transaction on page 4 "Warranty Deed Vol. 99 page 169 #158040" for the sale to Schweiss.

Outlined in red on this map also is the location of what we knew as the Laubmeier farm. See page 6 Warranty Deed Vol. 102 page 63 #163893 for the transaction on the sale to Joseph Laubmeier.

Warranty Deed Vol. 97 page 554 #157327

GRANTEE INDEX P. 54I

Grantee (buyer): Alois Brickl ó Grantor (seller): Joseph Brickl

This document is Joseph and Rosanna Brickl selling to Alois Brickl the farm land above and below the cheese factory. We knew it as the Laubmeier farm. Maybe since Joseph had just purchased the cheese factory he decided not to farm but be a cheesemaker, so he sold the farm back to his father.

Agreement on August 22, 1911 between Alois Brickl (buyer) with Joseph and Rosanna Brickl (seller) for \$7000.

Recorded on September 1, 1911.

The South east quarter (1/4) of the North east quarter (1/4) the North east quarter (1/4) of the South east quarter (1/4) and all that part of the South east quarter (1/4) of the South South west quarter (1/4) lying South of the highway running in an easterly direction through the forty. Also a strip of land described as follows: Commencing twenty (20) feet west of the South east corner of the North east quarter (1/4) of the South east quarter (1/4) and running South thirty (30) rods to the public highway running east and west, thence west twenty (20) feet thence north thirty (30) rods, thence east twenty (20) feet to place of beginning; except a strip along the south line of the North east quarter (1/4) of the South east quarter (1/4) formerly deeded to Frank Gassner. All in section four (4) town nine (9) N and range four (4) E.

Warranty Deed Vol. 99 page 169 #158040

GRANTOR INDEX P. 58F

Grantor (seller): Joseph and Rosanna Brickl - Grantee (buyer): Mrs. Elizabeth Schweiss

In this document Joseph Brickl selling the Cedar Grove Cheese Factory to Schweiss. See on page 3 the 1921 map circled in blue with S. Schweiss (map spelling error) as owner. Joseph Brickl must have decided not to be a cheesemaker and go back to farming. In the next document he buys back what we know as the Laubmeier farm from his father, Alois.

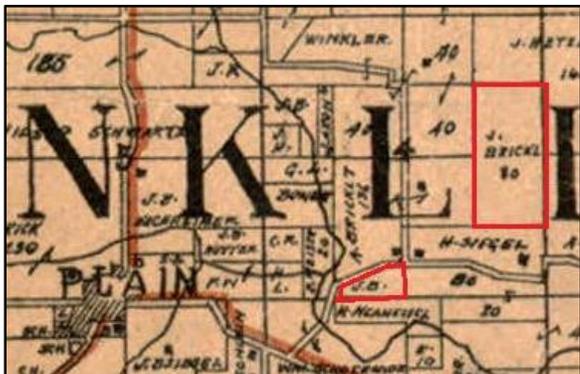
An Agreement on Sept. 23, 1911 between Joseph and Rosanna Brickl selling to Mrs. Elizabeth Schweiss for \$3400.

Document recorded on November 29, 1911.

A parcel of land off the east side of the south east quarter of the south west quarter (1/4) and a parcel of the west side of the south west quarter (1/4) of the south east quarter (1/4) described as follows: Commencing at the corner formed by the highway running east and the highway running north through and along the east line of the first described forty thence running west nine (9) rods, thence north nine (9) rods, thence East Eighteen (18) rods, thence south nine (9) rods, thence west nine (9) rods to place of beginning. All in Section four (4) Town Nine (9) North and Range four (4) East.

Warranty Deed Vol. 99 p.102 #157807a

GRANTEE INDEX P.58F



Grantee (buyer): Joseph Brickl - Grantor (seller) Alois Brickl

This document is Joseph and Rosanna Brickl buying back from Alois Brickl the farm land above and below the cheese factory. We knew it as the Laubmeier farm. See the 1913 map at the left showing outlined in red J. Brickl land.

An agreement made on October 30, 1911 between Alois and Justina Brickl selling to Joseph Brickl for the sum of \$7000. This document was recorded on November 6, 1911.

The South East quarter (1/4) of the North East quarter (1/4) the North East quarter (1/4) of the South East quarter (1/4) and all that part of the South East quarter (1/4) of the South West quarter (1/4) lying South of the highway running in an easterly direction through the forty. Also a strip of land described as follows: Commencing twenty (20) feet west of the South East corner of the North East quarter (1/4) of South East quarter (1/4) and running South thirty (30) rods to the public highway running east and west, thence west twenty (20) feet, thence North thirty (30) rods; thence east twenty (20) feet to place of beginning, except a strip along the south line of the North East quarter (1/4) of the South East quarter (1/4) formerly deeded to Frank Gassner. All in Section four (4) Town Nine (9) N and Range (4) East.

- Thering Notes htah0036 - Nov. 1911 Joseph Brickl has sold his cheese fty. to Elizabeth & Sylvan Schweiss.
- Thering Notes htap0021 - J. Brickl to Mrs. Eliz. Schweiss land in sec 4 - T 9 - R 4 - 3400

Both of the above are referring to the sale of the cheese factory to Schweiss on page 4.

- Thering Notes htah0038 - Joseph Brickl & Oliver Schoenman were among those who wrote Civil Service ex. April 6.
- April 10, 2010 email from Father Raymond Dischler in a conversation with our Uncle Fr. Joseph M. Brickl, "Father Joe was born on what I remember as the Tony Laubmeier Farm (Tony and Fr. Joe are first cousins). The Tony Laubmeier Farm had been formed from the ancestral Alois and Justina (Bindl) Brickl Farm where in my memory Tony and Anna (Lins) Brickl lived. Fr. Joe's father, Joseph W. Brickl, built the buildings on the Tony Laubmeier Farm."

Fr. Joseph M. Brickl was born to Joseph W. and Rosanna Brickl on June 18, 1910.

- Thering Notes htaa0013 - In 1913 Joe Brickl sold his farm to Joe Laubmeyer. Mr. Brickl bought a larger farm near Plain.
- Thering Notes htah0049 - Dec. 4, 1913 Joseph Laubmeier p. Joseph Brickl farm.
- Baraboo News, Sept. 14, 1911, p.7 - Joseph Brickl to Alvis Brickl, land in Franklin; \$7000.
- Thering Notes htah0048 - Jan. 1, 1914 - Jan. 8, 1914 - George Alt to Joseph Brickl land 1800 - ? Joseph Brickl to Jos Laubmeier land Sec. 4 - 5000. **I could not find a transaction between George Alt and Joseph Brickl.**
- Thering Notes htah0049 - 1913 Jos Brickl has purchased the Joe Kraemer cheese fty.
- April 10, 2010 email from Father Raymond Dischler in a conversation with our Uncle Fr. Joseph M. Brickl, "Then Joseph W. Brickl / Rosanna Meixelsperger Brickl Family moved to what I remember as the Meister Cheese Factory, east of Plain on County Road B."
- Thering Notes htat0003 - Nov. 20, 1913 - Jos. Brickl has purchased the Jos Kramer cheese factory.
- Thering Notes htac0001- Plain View - John Diehl build factory for Joe Kraemer. Perhaps 1906-08. A few years Joseph Brickl sold to Joe Bauer. Albert Schwartz, Olson - 1st maker before Joe Brickl.

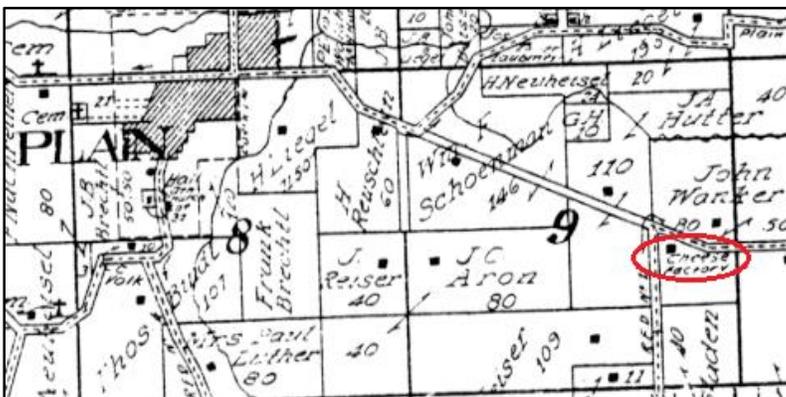
Warranty Deed Vol. 102 page 64 #163894

GRANTEE INDEX P. 54I

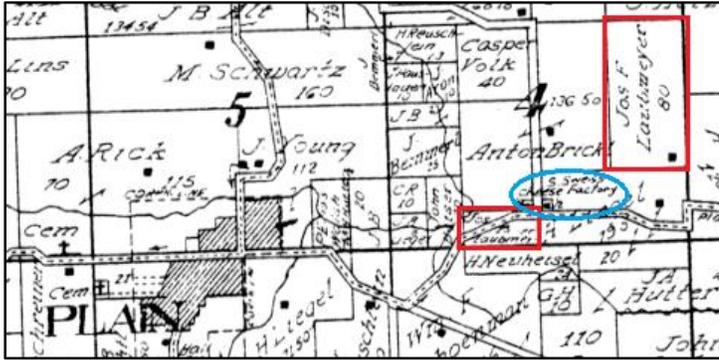
Grantee (buyer): Joseph Brickl ó Grantor (seller): Joseph and Theresa Kraemer

November 12, 1913 received on record December 5, 1913 for \$2800.

Joseph Brickl is buying from Joseph Kraemer what we know as the Meister Cheese Factory. Apparently Joseph Brickl decided to be a cheesemaker again by selling the farm (See page 6 Warranty Deed Vol. 102 page 63 #163893) and purchasing a cheese factory again. Below is a 1922 Plat Map of Section 9, Town 9N, Range 4E indicating where the cheese factory was located in this transaction.



Commencing at the corner formed by the intersection of the highway running south and the highway running in a southeasterly direction in the North East quarter (1/4) of the South East quarter (1/4) of Section nine (9) Town nine (9) N and Range four (4) East, running thence south along the highway nine (9) rods; thence in a southeasterly direction parallel to the highway running in the same direction nine (9) rods; thence North nine (9) rods; thence in a northwesterly direction along the highway nine (9) rods to place of beginning.



Warranty Deed Vol. 102 page 63 #163893

GRANTEE INDEX P. 10

Grantee (buyer): Joseph F. Laubmeier ó Grantor (seller): Joseph Brickl

In this document Joseph and Rosanna Brickl selling the farm land above and below the cheese factory to Joseph F. Laubmeier. See the 1922 map at the left showing outlined in red Jos F. Laubmeier land purchased in this deed.

Agreement made on November 29, 1913 between Joseph and Rosanna Brickl selling to Joseph F. Laubmeier for

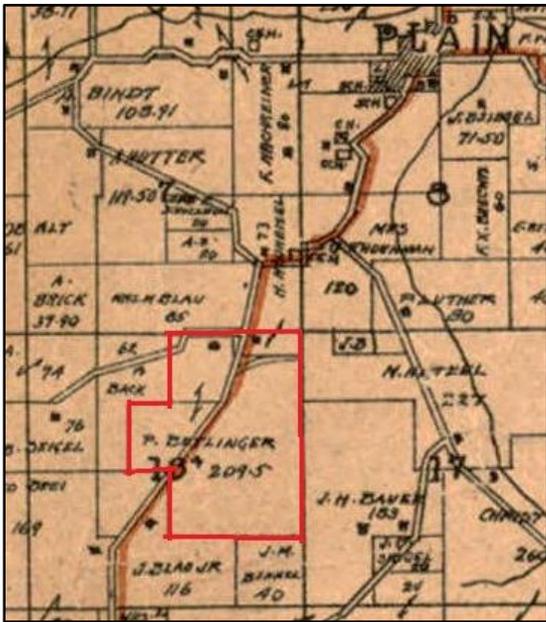
the amount of \$5000. Document recorded on December 5, 1913.

The South East Quarter (1/4) of the North East quarter (1/4); the North East Quarter of the South East quarter (1/4) and a strip of land described as follows: Commencing twenty (20) feet west of the South East corner of the North East quarter (1/4) of the South East quarter (1/4) and running south to the public highway thirty (30) rods; thence west twenty (20) feet; thence North thirty (30) rods; thence east twenty (20) feet to place of beginning, except a strip along the south line of the North East quarter (1/4) of the South East quarter (1/4) formerly deeded to Frank Gassner, all in Section four (4) Town nine (9) N. and Range four (4) East.

- *A Centennial History of The Meister Cheese Company, 2016, Scott Meister, Vicki Meister Thingvold - Albert Schwartz took charge of the factory and started to operate in the month of February 1912. A year later Joseph Brickl purchased the factory then in March 1914 traded it to Philip Bettinger for his farm.*
- *Thering Notes htat0005 - Feb. 12, 1914 - March 4, 1914 Joseph Brickl has traded his factory better known as the Kraemer factory to Philip Bettinger for his farm near Plain.*

According to A Centennial History of The Meister Cheese Company, 2016, Scott Meister, Vicki Meister Thingvold and the Thering Note htat0005, Joseph Brickl traded the cheese factory that he just purchased in the above transaction to Philip Bettinger for his farm. The next two transactions must be the documents for the trade deal.

- *April 10, 2010 email from Father Raymond Dischler in a conversation with our Uncle Fr. Joseph M. Brickl, "Then the Joseph W. Brickl Family moved to what I remember as the Vincent Meixelsperger (Fr. Joe's uncle) Farm, south of Plain on Hwy. 23. Joseph W. Brickl delivered mail while living on the Vincent Meixelsperger Farm. Vagabonds would walk Hwy. 23 and Fr. Joe remembers his mother Rosanna turning off the light so that no one seemed to be home as they saw a vagabond approaching, and his Mother Rosanna was relieved when Joseph W. returned home.*



Warranty Deed Vol. 102 p.312 #164750

GRANTEE INDEX P. 54I

Grantee (buyer): Joseph Brickl ó Grantor (seller): Philip and Elizabeth Bettinger

March 4, 1914 recorded March 6, 1914

\$21,000

The North half (1/2) of the South East quarter (1/4) and that part of the North East quarter (1/4) on the East side of the middle of the highway, except twelve (12) acres of the North side of the North East quarter (1/4) of the North East quarter (1/4) of Section eighteen (18). Also the South East quarter (1/4) of the North West quarter (1/4) and all of the land in the South West quarter (1/4) of the North East quarter (1/4) laying west of the highway, except twenty one and three fourths (21 ¾) acres more or less along the north side of the last two parcels heretofore deeded to Alois Beck, all in Section Eighteen (18) Town nine (9) N. Range four (4) East.

The 1913 map at left indicates in red outline the land purchased by Joseph Brickl from Philip Bettinger in section 18.

Warranty Deed Vol. 102 p. 313 #164751

GRANTOR INDEX P. 58F

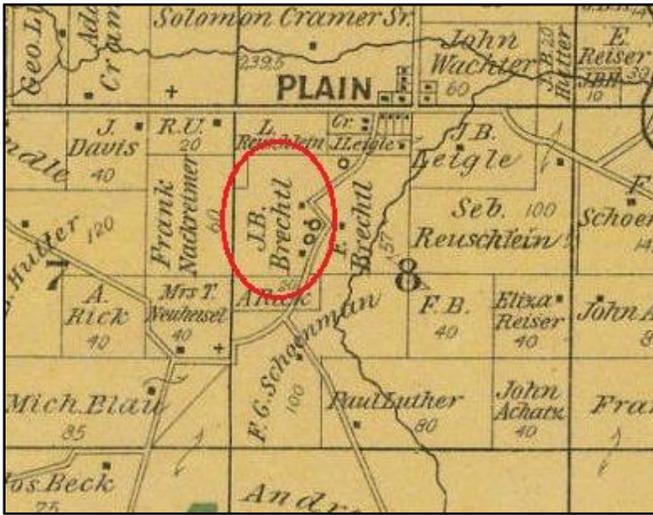
Grantor (seller): Philip Bettinger - Grantee (buyer): Joseph Brickl

March 4, 1914 recorded March 6, 1914 - \$2800

According to A Centennial History of The Meister Cheese Company, 2016, Scott Meister, Vicki Meister Thingvold and the Thering Note htat0005 Joseph Brickl traded the cheese factory that he just purchased at the bottom of page 5 to Philip Bettinger for his farm. This warrant deed is for the cheese factory trade transaction. Bottom of page 6 is the trade transaction for the farm.

Commencing at the corner formed by the intersection of the highway running South and the highway running in a South Easterly direction in the North East quarter (1/4) of the South East quarter (1/4) of Section Nine (9) town nine (9) N. and Range Four (4) East, running thence South along the highway Nine (9) Rods; thence in a Southeasterly direction parallel to the highway running in the same direction Nine (9) rods; thence North Nine (9) Rods; thence in a Northwesterly direction along the highway Nine (9) Rods to place of beginning.

- *Thering Notes htas0025 - Jan. 27, 1916 -Joseph Brickl in new house*
- *"Our House" by Rosemary Pulvermacher September 2007 - "This house at 1310 Cherry Street in Plain, Wisconsin, was built by Joseph and Rosanna (nee Meixelsperger) Brickl, when he was employed as a rural mail carrier with his horse and buggy. ... When the cyclone struck Plain, Wisconsin in 1918, the Joseph and Rosanna Brickl family were living in this house. One of their daughters, Mary Brickl Hetzel, told that when that storm came, their family all went down in the basement and prayed, huddled together, hoping to be safe. She said that while they prayed, they could see and hear the storm raging out there through the basement windows on the south side. ... After the cyclone, when the parish was in need of a house for their pastor-Reverend Charles Surges-this house was purchased for him for \$3000.00. Joseph Brickl and his family moved out to a farm in the country or for a while he was a cheesemaker in a cheese factory."*
- *April 10, 2010 email from Father Raymond Dischler in a conversation with our Uncle Fr. Joseph M. Brickl, "Then Joseph W. built a new house in Plain - the Pulvermacher / Lins House across the street from the present day St. Luke School. Instead of walking Hwy 23 to school at age 6, Fr. Joe's parents kept him home until age 7 when they moved into the new house in Plain. Fr. Joe remembers the Cyclone of 1918 - he was in the basement of the new house in Plain, peering out of the window with his father while his mother and younger siblings hid deeper in the basement. After the 1918 Cyclone, Joseph W. sold the new house in Plain to the parish to be used as the rectory, the former rectory having been destroyed by the cyclone."*
- *St. Anne's Hill-The Plain Shrine, by Lorry Ann Erickson, Sheri Ann Erickson and Martha Ann Erickson, December 1996, Page 44 - Until the new rectory was completed, Father Surges lived in a house that the parish trustees had purchased from Joseph Brickl for \$3,300, according to real estate transfers listed in the Aug. 8, 1918, Baraboo Weekly News. The 1918 financial statement for St. Luke's Congregation indicated Mr. Brickl was paid \$500 as a down payment and later the balance (including interest) of \$2,830.45.*
- *Baraboo Weekly News, Feb. 03, 1916, p.6 - Joseph Brickl to John Meixelsperger land in Franklin. \$15,000.*
- *Baraboo Weekly News, June 28, 1917, p.7 - Joseph Brickl to Alois Weiss, land in Franklin; \$40. **I didn't check this transaction out, since it was only for \$40.***
- *Baraboo Weekly News, Aug. 08, 1918, p.8 - Joseph Brickl to St. Luke's Catholic congregation land in Franklin; \$3,300.*



In this transaction Joseph Brickl purchases a portion of land to build his house on what we know as Cherry St. across from St. Luke's School. Later selling to St. Luke's to use as a rectory after the cyclone. It is difficult to tell if this land was connected to the plots that Joseph purchased on page 2: Warranty Deed Vol.93 p.478 #149608A & Warranty Deed Vol.96 p.249 #153309. See 1893 map at left. Circled in red is the land J.B Brechtl owned and Joseph purchased a small portion. Again from the description on the deed it is difficult to locate the exact plot of land on the map.

Warranty Deed Vol. 106 p. 321 #169080

GRANTEE INDEX P. 54I

Grantee (buyer): Joseph Brickl ó Grantor (seller): John B. Brechtl, Jr.

Sept. 15, 1915 recorded Sept. 25, 1915 ó Purchase price \$500

A parcel of land off the North West quarter (1/4) of the North West quarter (1/4) of Section Eight (8) Town Nine (9) North and Range (4) East described as follows: Commencing at a point two hundred eight (208) feet South and sixty (60) feet West of the South West corner of the School Lot of District No. Jt. Four (4), running thence South one hundred (100) feet; thence West one hundred fifty (150) feet; thence North one hundred (100); thence East one hundred fifty (150) feet to place of beginning. A street Sixty (60) feet wide is hereby given along the east and north line of the lot and the party of the second part agrees to give seven feet for an alley when needed on the west line of his lot.

Warranty Deed Vol. 106 p.627 #170089

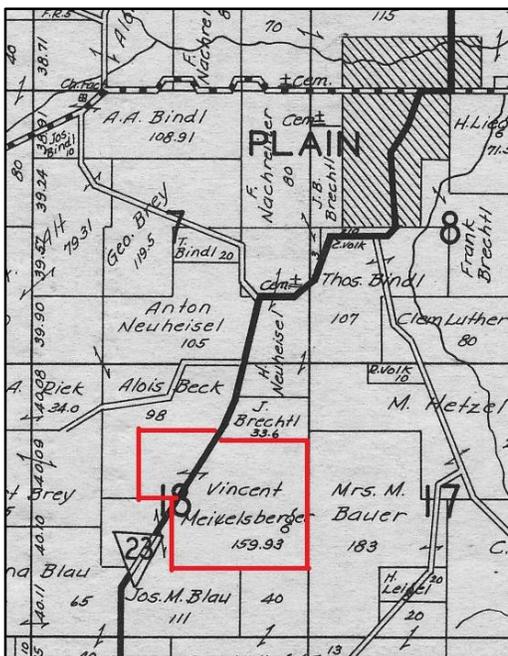
GRANTOR INDEX P. 15I

Grantor (seller): Joseph Brickl Grantee (buyer): John Meixelsperger

January 18, 1916 recorded January 21, 1916 ó Purchase price \$15,115

The north half of the southeast quarter, and all that part of the south half of the northeast quarter lying east of the highway except that thereof lying north of a line commencing 11.185 chains south of the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter and running in a northwest direction passing through a point on the eighth line 4.84 chains south of the north west corner of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter and continuing straight to the middle line of the highway. Also the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and all that part of the southwest quarter of the northeast

quarter laying west of the highway except the following to-wit: commencing at the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter thence east 27.80 chains, thence south 37.55 degrees west 8.80 chains, thence south 84.35 degrees west 23.43 chains to west one eighth line, thence north on said one-eighth line 9.43 chains to the place of beginning, said piece of land is on the north side of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section eighteen, township nine north of range four east, all in section eighteen township nine north of range four east, containing one hundred and sixty acres more or less as per government survey.



In the above transaction Joseph Brickl is selling the farm he purchased a couple years ago to John Meixelsperger.

In later years John Meixelsperger sold the same farm to his son, Vincent. The 1936 map at left show the land owned by Vincent Meixelsperger.

Using the Grantee/Grantor(1800-1986) at this link: <https://www.co.sauk.wi.us/registerofdeeds/grantorgrantee-index-mid-1800s-late-1986> I found the below land transaction where John Meixelsperger is selling to his son, Vincent, on April 24, 1917 a plot of land in section 18 town 9 range 4. I feel that this is the same plot mentioned in previous document and at present time I don't feel it is necessary to order the below document, because Vincent Meixelsperger is shown as the owner in the 1936 map at the bottom of previous page.

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75	W Deed 174278	Apr 1917	24	P M	1:00	Do	John		Vincent Meixelsperger	N ² E &c 2	18	9	4	481 65	M 4/25/17 T W King

- April 10, 2010 email from Father Raymond Dischler in a conversation with our Uncle Fr. Joseph M. Brickl, "After the 1918 Cyclone, Joseph W. sold the new house in Plain to the parish to be used as the rectory, the former rectory having been destroyed by the cyclone."

An agreement or deed on July 15, 1918 St. Luke's Catholic Congregation of Plain, Sauk Co. Wis. is buying from Joseph Brickl for the sum of \$3300 a plot or lot recorded on July 19, 1918. This would be the house located at 1310 Cherry Street in Plain, Wisconsin. The Joseph and Rosanna Brickl family were living in this home when the 1918 cyclone came though and they watch from a basement window their beautiful St. Luke's Church blow down in the wind. In this document Joseph and Rosanna are selling the home to the congregation to be used as a parsonage.

Warranty Deed Vol.114 p.212 #180308

Grantee or buyer: St. Luke's Catholic Congregation (a corporation) of Plain, Sauk Co. Wis.

Grantor or seller: Joseph Brickl

A parcel of land off the North west quarter (1/4) of the North west quarter (1/4) of Section Eight (8) Town Nine (9) N. and Range Four (4) E. described as follows: Commencing at a point Two Hundred eight (208) feet south and sixty (60) feet west of the South West corner of School Lot of District No. Jt. Four (4) in the village of Plain, running thence South one hundred (100) feet; thence west one hundred fifty (150) feet: thence North one hundred (100) feet; thence East one hundred fifty (150) feet to place of beginning. The party of the second part agrees to give seven (7) feet for an ally on the west line of this

- Thering Notes htbf0007 - July 3, 1919 --Anthony Riek to Joseph W. Brickl land in town of Franklin
- Thering Notes htas0039 - 1917 Joe Brickl now employed by Plain Auto Co. (Maybe June of 1917)
- Thering Notes htbh0077 - May 14, 1917 -Jos Brickl is now employed by the Plain Auto Co.
- Hildegard Thering Book page 90 - Other employees at the Plain Auto Co. were Joseph Brickl, Joe Krogman, and John Eder who later rented the garage.
- Thering Notes htbb0013 - 1918 - Clerk Joe Brickl
- Thering Notes htan0001 - Oct. 16 - 1919 Jos Brickl land to A. Rick 375



An agreement or deed on June 17, 1919 Joseph Brickl is buying from Anthony and Mary Riek for the sum of \$375 a small plot or lot recorded on June 21, 1919. I never really traced why or when he sold this land. Left is a 1913 map of Section 5. Notice land owned by Mrs. A. Rick.

Warranty Deed Vol.115 p.234 #183008

Grantee or buyer: Joseph Brickl - Grantor or seller: Anthony and Mary Riek

Commencing eleven hundred ninety six (1196) feet west of the South East corner of the South West quarter (1/4) of Section five (5) Town nine (9) N. and Range four (4) E. running thence west on the section line seventy five (75) feet; thence north one hundred sixty three (163) feet three (3)

inches; thence east seventy five (75) feet; thence south one hundred sixty three (163) feet three (3) inches to place of beginning.

After finding Hildegarde Thering's note, "htan0001 – Oct. 16, 1919 Jos Brickl land to A. Rick \$375," I decided to go back to the Grantee/Grantor Index at the Sauk County Register of Deeds. See below. Apparently Joseph Brickl sold the portion of land back to Rick. Who knows what promoted these dealings, but I am not going to order the below document.

GRANTEE INDEX—Sauk County, Wisconsin

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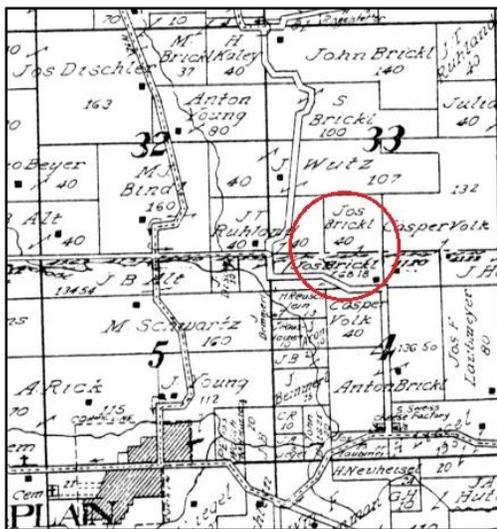
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Sept	22	1919	183989	Rick	Anthony		J W Brickl	115	423	W Deed	

- April 10, 2010 email from Father Raymond Dischler in a conversation with our Uncle Fr. Joseph M. Brickl, "Joseph W. and Rosanna Family rented two different houses in Plain before moving to the farm about 2 miles northeast of Plain where Alan and Lauri (Alt) Dischler now live. Fr. Joe was 9 years old at the time when the family moved to this farm in the autumn. Fr. Joe said that the move was prompted because he, Fr. Joe, was spending too much time with other boys in town. Fr. Joe noted the name of Hammer Walsh as being one of the boys. When still living in town, Joseph W. managed carpenter crews - a need after the Cyclone of 1918. The farm next to the farm when Alan and Lauri Dischler now live was inhabited by Casper Volk and later sold to Bill Grauvogl. The farm where Joseph W. and Rosanna Brickl moved to when Fr. Joe was 9 years old was just beyond the school bus route of (Valley View??)." *I didn't really look for the William Grauvogl records because I found on page 12 the Warranty Deed Vol. 180 p.451 #258742 where Joseph Brickl purchased this farm from Casper and Katherine Volk's descendants.*
- Thering Notes htan0002 - Nov. 27, 1919 Jos. Brickl purchased Albert Diehl farm. Albert Diehl & family move to house vacated by Jos Brickl. Wonder where that house would have been.



Warranty Deed Vol. 120 page 72 #185240

GRANTEE INDEX P. 165

Grantee (buyer): Joseph W. Brickl Grantor (seller): Albert Diehl Agreement on November 22, 1919 between Albert and Celia Diehl with Joseph W. Brickl for \$15,000 and recorded on December 2, 1919

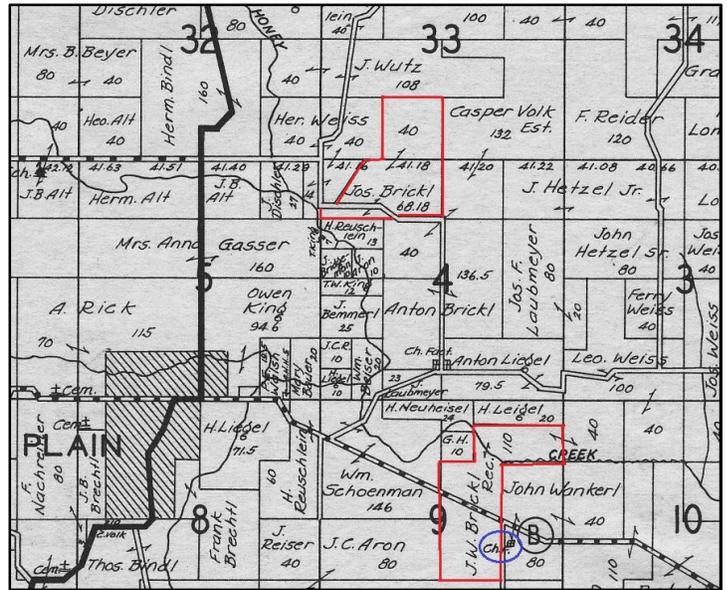
The 1922 map at left with the red circle around Jos Brickl land indicates the land purchased from Albert Diehl. This would be the land later purchased by Gerhard Dischler. Now owned by Alan and Lauri Dischler.

The South East quarter (1/4) of the South West quarter (1/4) of Section thirty three (33) Township ten (10) N. and Range four (4) E; the North East quarter (1/4) of the North West quarter (1/4); the South twenty seven fortieths (27/40) of the North West quarter (1/4) of the North West quarter (1/4) and a part of the South East quarter (1/4) of the North West quarter (1/4) described as follows: Commencing at the North East corner of said forty and running thence south three and one half (3 1/2) rods; thence north west twenty (20) rods; thence north one (1) rod; thence east twenty (20) rods to place of

beginning, all in Section four (4) Town nine (9) N. Range four (4) East.

Referee's Deed: In judicial foreclosures, the legal document that gives ownership of the foreclosed property to the person who bids the highest amount of money at a foreclosure auction

I was unable to find the documentation showing Joseph Brickl's intentions to purchase the land in the below deed in the first place, but he is shown on this 1936 map as the owner of the land on Hwy B next to what we knew as the Meister Cheese Factory. This is a foreclosure proceeding. Apparently Joseph Brickl failed to pay on his mortgage or he just let it go on purpose, to the highest bidder for a price of \$10,450, with intentions to use the money to pay off other enterprises that he had going. Joseph F. Laubmeier was his brother-in-law and grandfather might have known that he was interested in the land. Note also on this 1936 map that Jos. Brickl still owned the land purchased from Albert Diehl 1919 in section 4. See page 10 with Grantee Warranty Deed Vol. 120 page 72 #185240.



Referee Deed Vol.158 p. 424 #232830
GRANTEE INDEX P. 152

Grantor (seller): Rfee Joseph W. Brickl - Grantee (buyer): Joseph F. Laubmeier
 Document received for record on March 26, 1936

Joseph W. Brickl, Referee to Joseph F. Laubmeier

WHEREAS, A JUDGEMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE was rendered in the County Court of Sauk County, Wisconsin, on the 20th day of Dec. 1933 in a certain action wherein Anthony Meixelsperger, was plaintiff and Rupert Hutter, a single man, Herman Liegel, and Grace Rieder, were defendants; and in pursuance thereof, after due advertising, the mortgage premises hereinafter described were sold on the 29th day of February 1936 to Joseph F. Laubmeier for the sum of Ten thousand four hundred fifty (\$10,450.00) Dollars, he being the highest bidder therefore:

AND WEREAS, the said Joseph F. Laubmeier is now entitled to conveyance thereof according to law:
 NOW, THEREFORE, I Joseph Brickl, the referee in consideration of the premises and of the said sum of Ten thousand four hundred fifty (\$10450) Dollars, paid by the said Joseph F. Laubmeier hereby convey to said Joseph F. Laubmeier the following tract of land in Sauk County, Wisconsin:

The Southwest quarter, the South 27 acres of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter, the south 13 acres of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter, and the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter, all of section nine; also the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of section ten, all in township nine north of range four east:

WITNESS the hand and seal of said referee this 10th day of March 1936

IN PRESENCE OF

Walter Liegel

Geo F. Liegel

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.

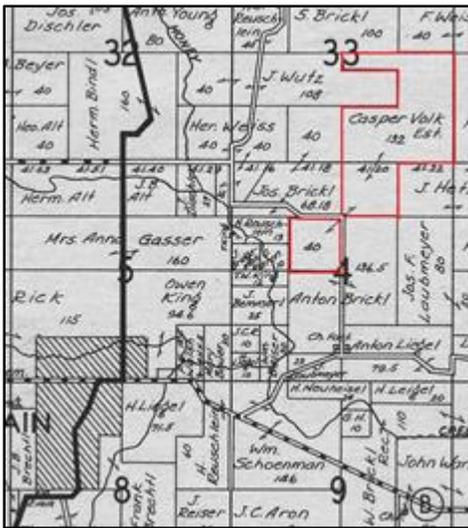
Sauk County)

Personally came before me, this 10 day of March 1936, the foregoing named Joseph Brickl referee of Sauk County, Wisconsin, to me known to be the person executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Walter Liegel, Notary public
Sauk County, Wis.
My comm. Expires: Jan. 24, 1937

Received for record Mar. 26, 1936 at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

Otto Arndt Register.



An agreement or deed on March 25, 1944 Joseph W. Brickl is buying from Dora Ederer, Marie Volk (Sister Mary Ortrude), Clarissa Volk and Michael Volk for the sum of \$8000 a plot or lot recorded on May 9, 1944.

Note: Marie Volk (Sister Mary Ortrude) is the daughter of Casper and Katherine (Betz) Volk. (My source is page 23 from the book "Women Religious from St. Luke's Parish, Plain Wisconsin" by Phyllis Dearborn, published for St. Luke's 150th Anniversary in 2007.) So this land would be the land up on the hill that was owned by Casper Volk. See at left the 1936 map where the Casper Volk land was located. In later years Harold and Cecilia Ruhland purchased the land and present day Clarence Taplin. This farm is next to the present day Alan and Lauri Dischler farm.

Warranty Deed Vol.180 p.451 #258742

Grantee or buyer: Joseph Brickl - Grantor or seller: Dora Ederer, et al

The East one-half of the Southeast quarter; the southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter; part of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter described as follows:

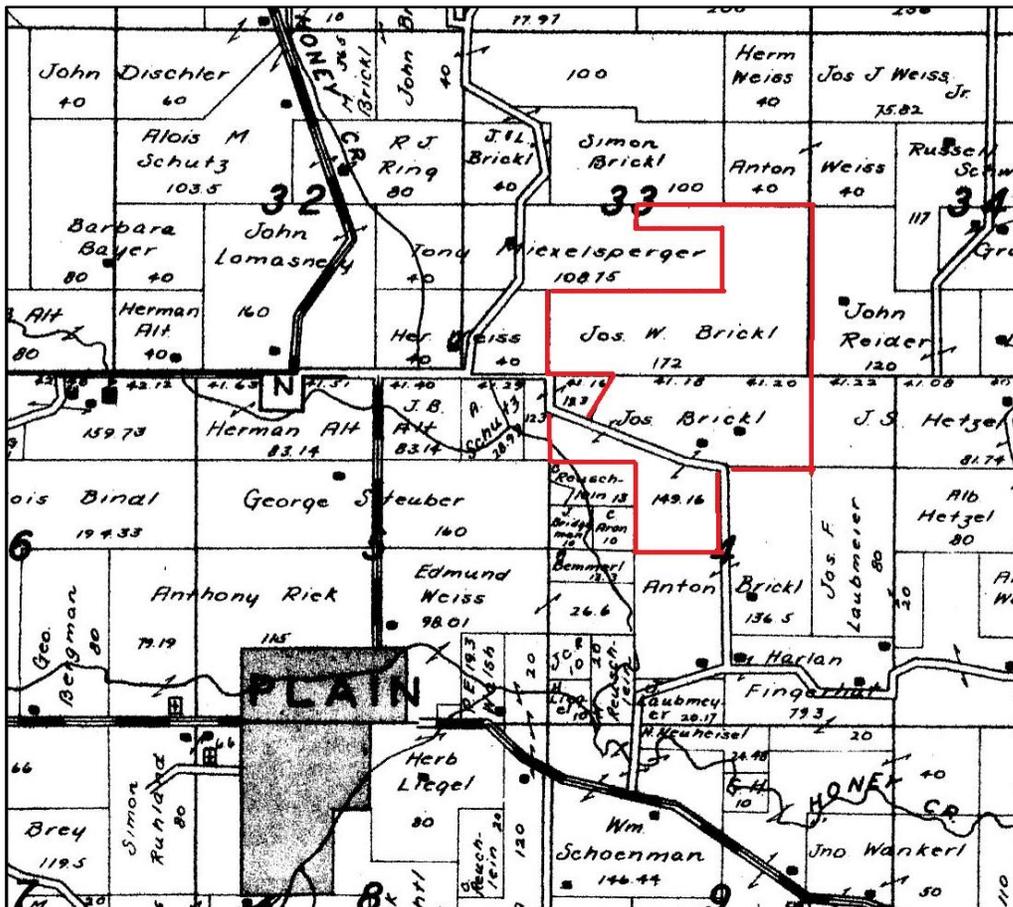
Beginning in the southeast corner of said forty, running thence north 1039-3/4 links, thence southwesterly to a point in the west line of said forty 181 links north of the southwest corner of said forty, thence south 181 links to said corner, thence east to the place of beginning; all in section 33, township 10 north of range 4 east.

Also the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of section 4, in township 9 north of range 4 east and

The Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of said section 4 except a parcel bounded as follows: Beginning in the Northeast corner of said forty, running thence south 3 1/2 rods, thence North westerly to a point 20 rods west of the east line and 1 rod south of the north line of said forty, thence north 1 rod thence east 20 rods to the place of beginning.

Subject to occupancy and possession of present tenant.

The below 1947 Plat Map outlined in red indicates the land owned by Joseph Brickl after the above land transaction.



In this mortgage agreement, Gerhard and Rose Dischler are buying the land (we know as the present day Alan & Lauri Dischler farm) from Joseph W. Brickl on December 29, 1948.

Mortgage Vol. 140 pages 610 & 611 #282297
GRANTEE INDEX P. 166B

Grantee: Joseph W. Brickl ó Grantor: Gerhard Dischler, Etux.

This is a mortgage therefore the grantee and grantor are reversed compared to warranty deeds. The Grantor is the seller on deeds, or borrower on mortgages. The Grantor is usually the one who signed the document.

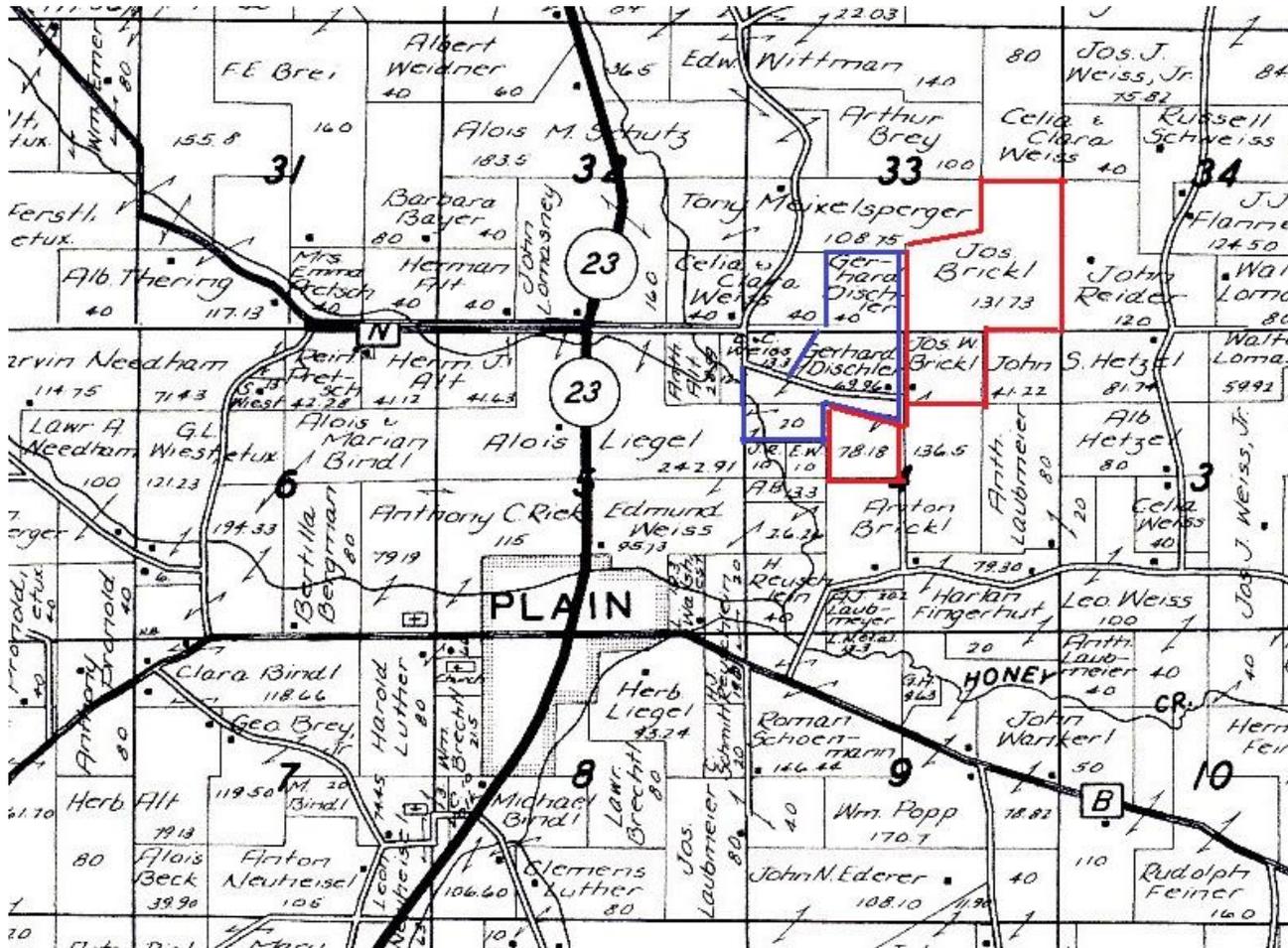
The Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 33, Town 10 North of Range 4 East, Sauk County, Wis.; The Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, Town 9 North of Range 4 East;

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, Town 9 North of range 4 East, thence South 12 rods, thence Northwesterly to the Northwest corner of said forty, thence East on the North forty line to the point of beginning, containing 3 acres;

The Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, Town 9 North of Range 4 East, excepting therefrom the two following described parcels:

- a) That part of the NW ¼ Fraction NW ¼, commencing at the Northwest corner, thence East 17.65 chains; thence South 37 and ¾ degrees West 12 and 64/100 chains; thence North 81 and ¼ degree West 9 and 89/100 chains; thence North 8 and ½ chains to beginning, recorded in Vol. 135 on Page 420, being 13 and 38/100 acres, all in Section 4, Town 9 North of Range 4 East, Sauk County, Wis.
- b) That part Southwest of Honey Creek, owned by Edmund Weiss.

This mortgage is given to secure a balance of \$4000.00 according to the term and conditions of a certain promissory note dated December 29, 1948 given to the original amount of \$12,500.00 and now reduced by payments to \$4000.00.



Above is a 1960 map with the Joseph Brickl land outlined in red and the Gerhard Dischler land outlined in blue.

In this document Joseph Brickl purchased the land where he built the home on the hill next to the water tower in the village of Plain.

Warranty Deed Vol. 208 page 357 & 358 #278810

GRANTEE INDEX P. 166A

Grantee (buyer): Joseph W. Brickl ó Grantor (seller): Wallace Nachreiner, Etux.

Agreement on April. 7, 1948 between Wallace and Ellen Nachreiner with Joseph W. Brickl for one and other dollars í

Commencing at a point on the westerly line of Nachreiner Avenue in the Village of Plain at a point 140 feet

Southwesterly of the northeast corner of the lands described in Vol. 158 Misc. Deeds Page 401 which point of beginning

is likewise on the Westerly line of Nachreiner Avenue, thence West 152 feet to a point 200 feet South of the Northwest

corner of the lands described in the deed aforesaid, thence South on the line between Simon Brickl and Wallace

Nachreiner a distance of 222 feet, thence East 84 feet, thence North 65 feet, thence east approximately 72 feet to the

Westerly line of Nachreiner Avenue, thence in a Northeasterly direction to the point of beginning.

In this agreement or deed of December 26, 1948 Gerhard and Rose Dischler are buying from Joseph and Rosanna Brickl for the sum of \$375 a plot or lot recorded on January 19, 1949. I believe this was just the final Deed after all payments were made.

Warranty Deed Vol.212 p.425 & 426 #281264

Grantee or buyer: Gerhard and Rose Dischler - Grantor or seller: Joseph and Rosanna Brickl

The Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 33, Town 10 North of Range 4 East, Sauk County, Wis.;

The Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, Town 9 North of Range 4 East;

Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, Town 9 North of

range 4 East, thence South 12 rods, thence Northwesterly to the Northwest corner of said forty, thence East on the North

forty line to the point of beginning, containing 3 acres;

The Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 4, Town 9 North of Range 4 East, excepting therefrom the two following described parcels:

- a) That part of the NW ¼ Fraction NW ¼, commencing at the Northwest, corner, thence East 17.65 chains; thence South 37 and ¾ degrees West 12 and 64/100 chains; thence North 81 and ¼ degrees West 9 and 89/100 chains; thence North 8 and ½ chains to beginning, recorded in Vol. 135 on Page 420, being 13 and 38/100 acres, all in Section 4, Town 9 North of Range 4 East, Sauk, Wis.
- b) That part Southwest of Honey Creek, owned by Edmund Weiss.

- *(Per Fr. Ray. Dischler Sept. 10, 2007 email info from Aunt Agnes) "I graduated High School in May 1948 and lived on the farm with mom and dad through that summer. Dad was building the house by the water tower and drove back and forth. Francis was working for Al and Evelyn at the cheese factory in Highland. Larry was working away also, but I don't remember where, so it was just me and my parents that summer. In Sept. or Oct. I went to work at the Sauk/Prairie telephone co., and sometime after that my parents moved into the new house, (late '48 or early '49?) Larry lived in Plain with my parents for a while when he was in High School at St. Luke's, but actually got his diploma from Highland High School because he went to work for one of Al's cheese factory patrons." ***A History of Plain, Wisconsin by Hildegarde Thering, 1982, page 188. Lawrence Brickl graduated in 1951 from St. Luke's High School not Highland.****

A **quitclaim deed** is a legal instrument that is used to transfer interest in real property. The entity transferring its interest is called the grantor, and when the **quitclaim deed** is properly completed and executed, it transfers any interest the grantor has in the property to a recipient, called the grantee.

This land would be the land up on the hill that was owned by Casper Volk next to the present day Alan & Lauri Dischler farm. See top of page 12 for this note written in the document: "Subject to occupancy and possession of present tenant." This transaction of a Quit Claim Deed may have been necessary to settle with the tenants, Keith & Juanita Crary.

Quit Claim Deed Vol. 231 pages 56 & 57 #292411

GRANTEE INDEX 166B

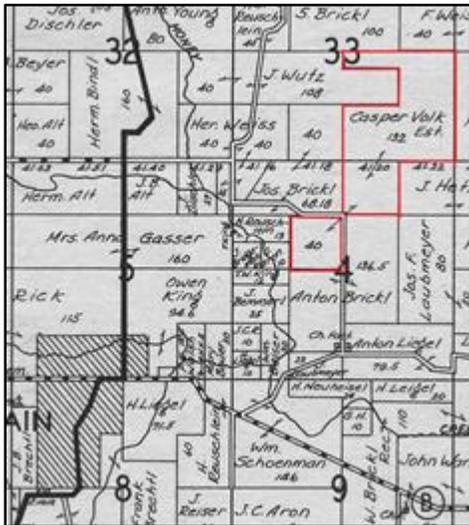
Grantee (buyer): Joseph and Rosanna Brickl - Grantor (seller): Keith Crary, Etux.

Agreement on Feb. 27, 1952 between Keith & Juanita Crary, his wife, and as joint tenants, and Joseph and Rosanna Brickl, his wife, as joint tenants í í the sum of í í \$2321.44 í í

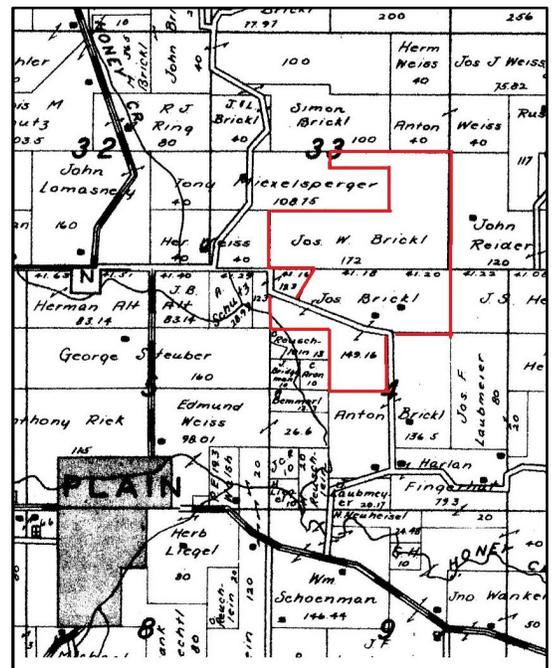
í í the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter; the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter; the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; and part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter described as follows; Beginning in

the Southeast corner of said forty, running thence north one thousand thirty-nine and three-fourths links, thence Southwesterly to a point in the West line of said forty one hundred eighty-one (181) links North of the Southwest corner of said forty, thence South on hundred eighty-one (181) links to said corner, thence East to the place of beginning, all of the above described lands being in Section 33, Town 10 North of Range 4 East, Sauk County, Wisconsin; Also the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter except a parcel bounded as follows; Beginning in Northeast corner of said Southeast quarter of the Northwest Quarter afores id; running thence south twelve (12) rods, thence Northwesterly to the Northwest corner, thence east along the section line to point of beginning; all in Section four (4), Town nine (9) North, Range four (4) East, Sauk County.

(This section deed is given for the purpose of conveying all of the right, title and interest acquired by the grantors herein in that certain land contract executed the 12th day of June 1950, and recorded the 14th day of June, 1950 in Volume 221 of Deeds on Page 97.)



Above is 1936 map showing Casper Volk as owner.



Shown at right is the land that Joseph & Rosanna Brickl owned in 1947.

NOTES

Thanks to my cousin Margie (Hasburgh) Kite for sending me approximately a dozen documents back in August of 2020. This was a project that I had always put off. After receiving her packet in the mail it gave me the push to get going.

Some of the documents that she sent me were mortgages and other type of documents that I didn't use. I only used the Warranty Deed documents that Margie sent, because these are the final documents in the land transactions.

After going through and recording Margie's packet, I was able to determine what warranty deeds would be needed in order to finish the project. Using the Grantee/Grantor (1800-1986) at this link: <https://www.co.sauk.wi.us/registerofdeeds/grantorgrantee-index-mid-1800s-late-1986> I found many more documents that I needed to order from the Sauk County Register of Deeds in Baraboo, WI.

It was extra work to type up all the land descriptions from each document, but I find it easier to read than the handwriting to determine on each plat map the location of the land.

Some of the sources that I used to help trace the land transactions:

- A History of Plain, Wisconsin by Hildegard Thering, 1982
- Thering Notes ó When Hildegard Thering was researching for her book she took handwritten notes in spiral notebooks. Shortly after the Kraemer Library opened in 2002, Gary Haas was able to digitize that huge pile of spiral notebooks. The digitized scans of the notes were given file names such as "htat0005" which are referenced throughout the document. In recent years I have been going through them and gleaning interesting things that I could use for stories.
- Baraboo Weekly News ó At the start of 2020 when the country was shut down because of Covid 19 many online pay for companies made their services available for free. The Baraboo Weekly News was one of them. During that time I tried to go through and save to my computer everything I possibly could concerning the history of the Plain area.
- A Centennial History of The Meister Cheese Company, 2016, Scott Meister, Vicki Meister Thingvold
- "Our House" by Rosemary Pulvermacher September 2007
- Fr. Raymond Dischler emails, September 10, 2007 & April 19, 2010, with info from Uncle Fr. Joseph M. Brickl and Aunt Agnes Brickl Long.
- St. Anne's Hill-The Plain Shrine, by Lorry Ann Erickson, Sheri Ann Erickson and Martha Ann Erickson, December 1996
- Sauk County Register of Deeds in Baraboo, Wisconsin
- Wisconsin Historical Society website ó Here I was able to download the old plat maps for the years of 1859, 1877, 1893, and 1913. Any of the other plat maps used were from my own collection of plat books.