



# New Melle

## Thru the Years

March 15, 2022





# Boone Duden Historical Society

- Area: Southwest St. Charles County and Southeast Warren County
- Archives in New Melle, Kamphoefner House.
- Building is owned and maintained by Fred Weber
- Open 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 12:30 to 4pm







# Before NEW MELLE

- 1821 Missouri Statehood
- mid & late 1820s Gottfried Duden spent some time around Dutzow & sent letters home that went into German newspapers telling stories of the area.
- Late 1830s many immigrants came to the area, many from Melle, Germany
- Those immigrants called the place New Melle
- 1839 is considered origin date, nothing official done at that time








# Land Patent- SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Sec26 T46R1E

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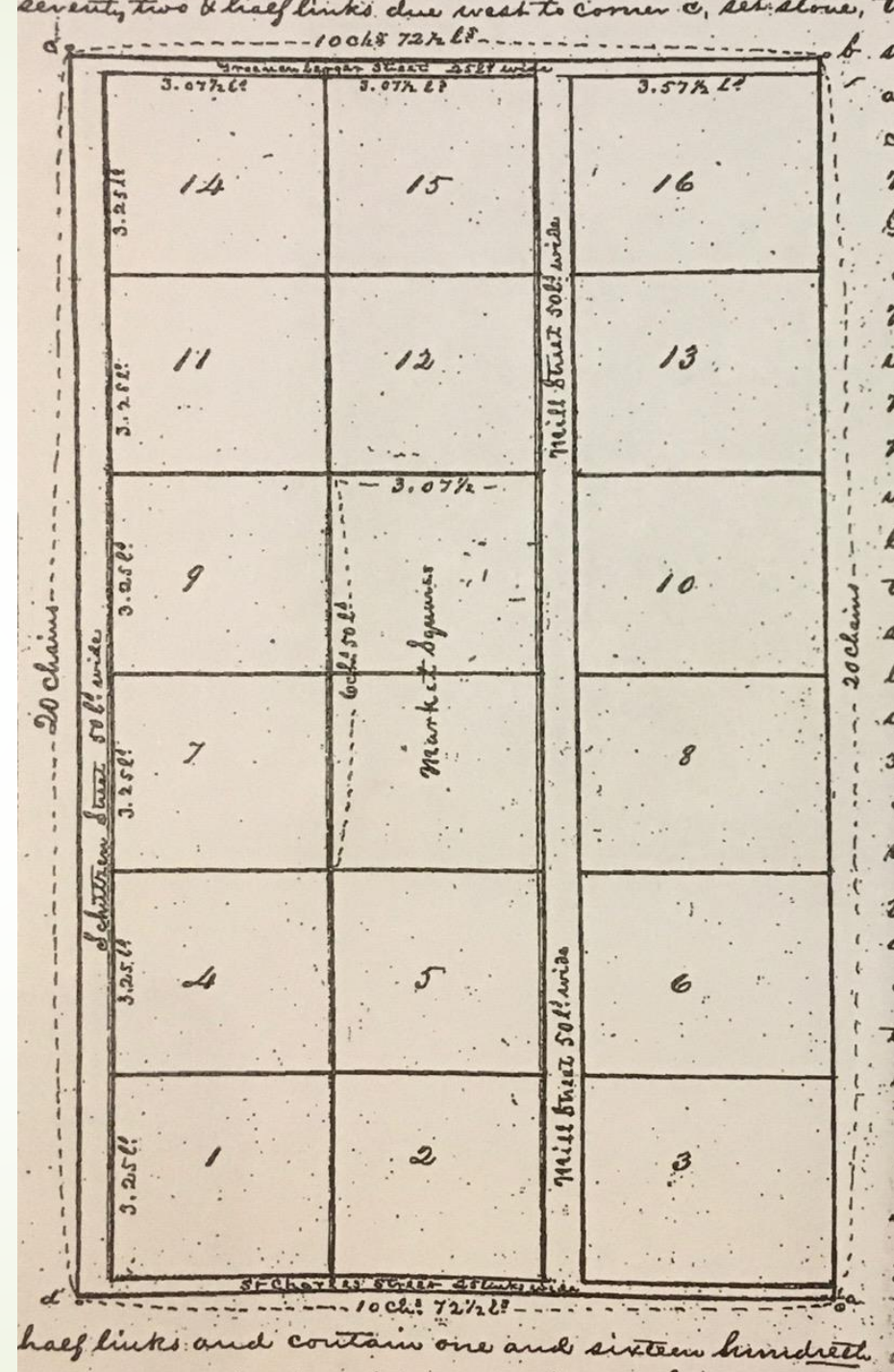
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# New Melle Plot 1850

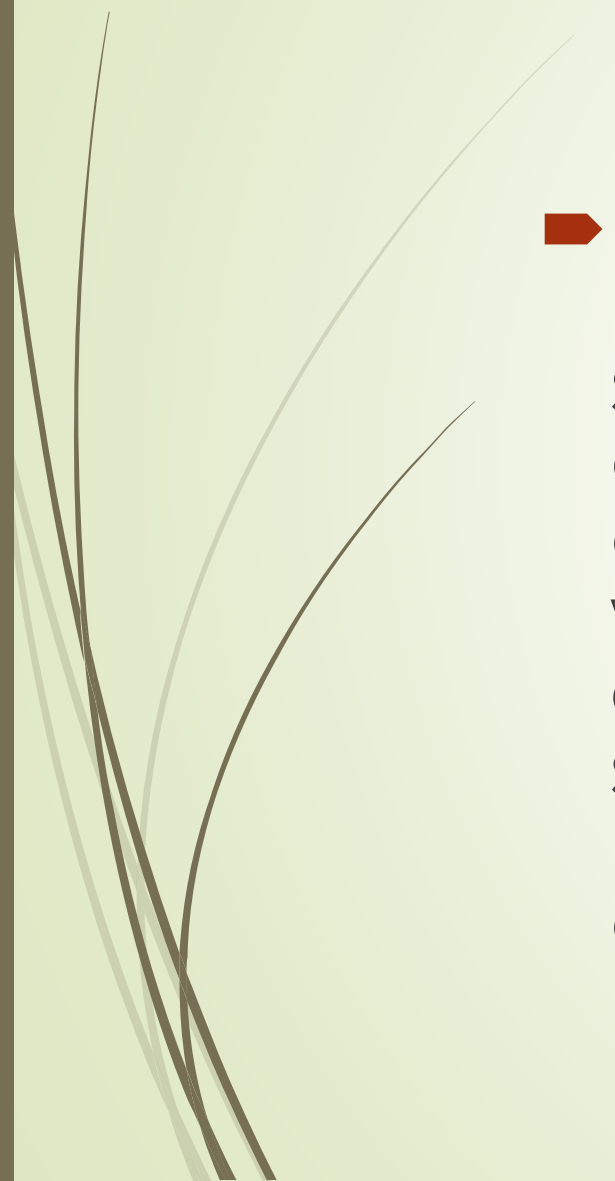
- Franz Kamper, proprietor
- Surveyed by Conrad Malinckrodt
- 20 acres, Market Square in middle
- Streets: Mill, Schuetzen, St. Charles, Groenberger







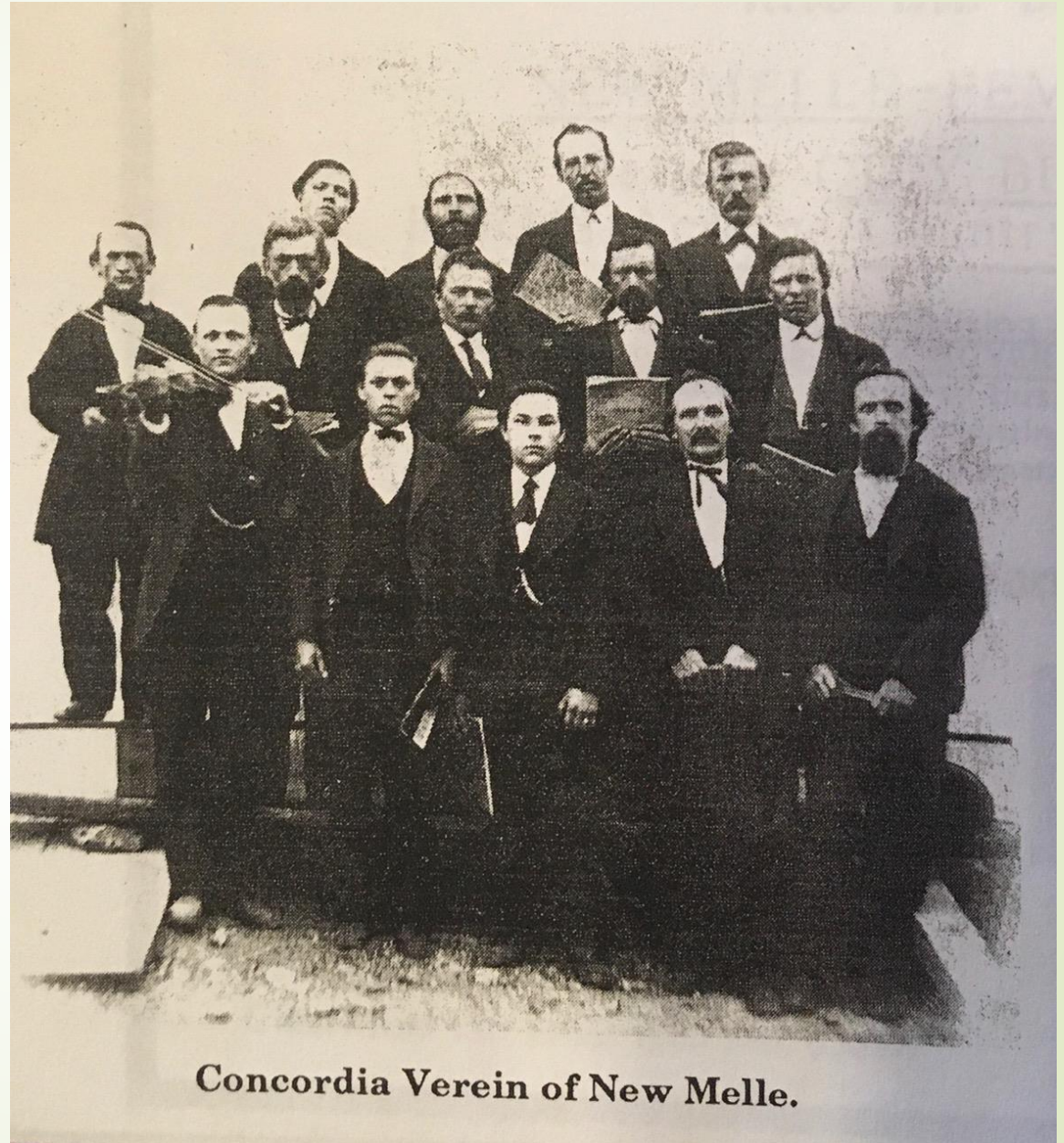
# NEW MELLE – a perspective

- Published in **1874** by Robert A. Campbell's "Gazetteer of Missouri" "New Melle was settled by immigrants from Melle, Germany, and has **11 stores, two churches** (Lutheran and Methodist), **three schoolhouses, three wagon makers, two carpenters and two copper shops, one hotel, one flouring and sawmill combined, and one pork house.** New Melle ships **100,000 dozen eggs** annually"
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# NEW MELLE 1874

- Concordia Verein of New Melle incorporated



Concordia Verein of New Melle.





# Concordia Verein of New Melle

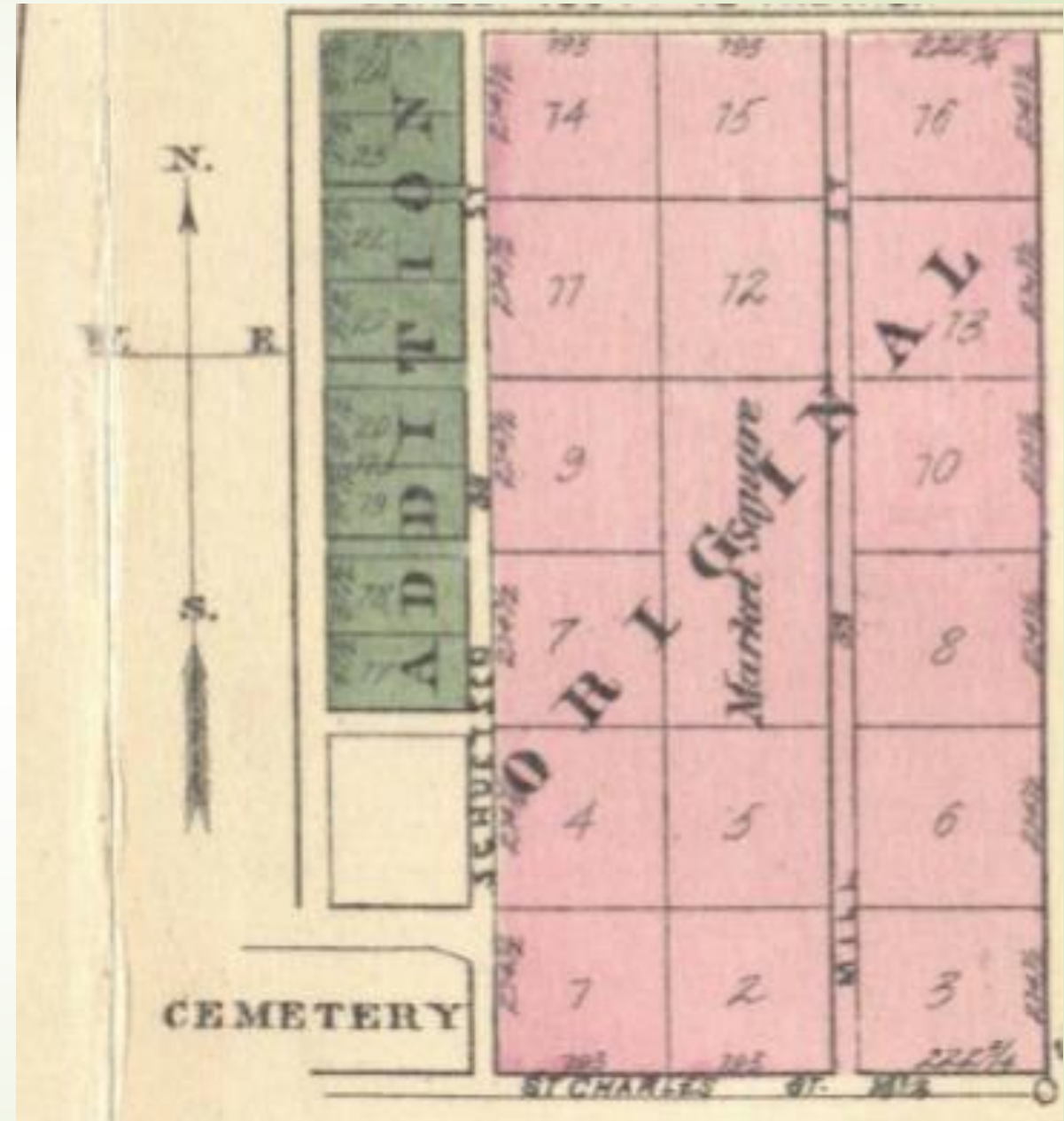
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- incorporated as a “body politic”. Purpose: Shall be a closer connection of all those that take an interest in art, education and sociable conversation, and that sections be formed inside the Verein for purpose of learning and practicing music, singing and other science . . .
- members: Male attaining the age of 16, no person excluded on account of religious vows. . .
- Meetings of the Verein shall not be held in a building which [is] a public drinking saloon . . .
- Any member who behaves himself unbecoming, or offends against public morality may be expelled, or fined up to \$10.



# From 1875 Atlas

- Addition  
(Green) came  
after 1850





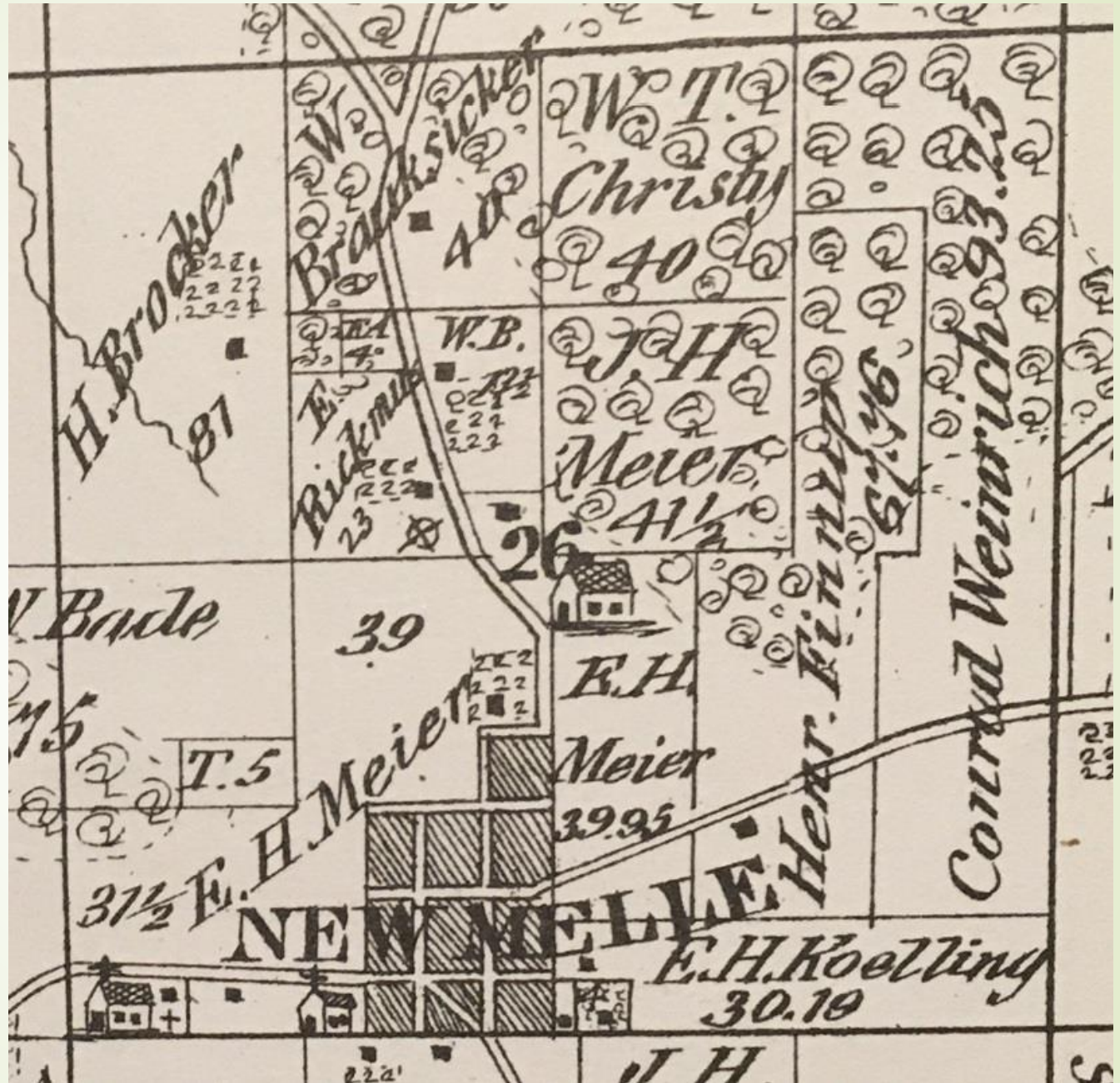


# 1875 Atlas - A list of those with residence in New Melle

- Koelling & Bro – General Store
- Kessler, John - Blacksmith
- Landwehr, - Stone & Brick Mason
- Leimbrack, F.H. – Gen. Str'e, Firm of Sudbrock & Co.
- Meier, E. H. – Store Kpr and Mill Owner
- Panhorst, J.H. – Merchant Tailor
- Rodatz, Otto – Saloon Keeper
- Renkit, Henry - Miller
- Robinson, John T. – Farmer
- Sprengel, Herman – Wine Grower
- Schlottman, Charles – Furniture Shop
- Siesennop, A.H. – Tailor
- Weinrich, Conrad - Wine Grower



# 1875 Atlas



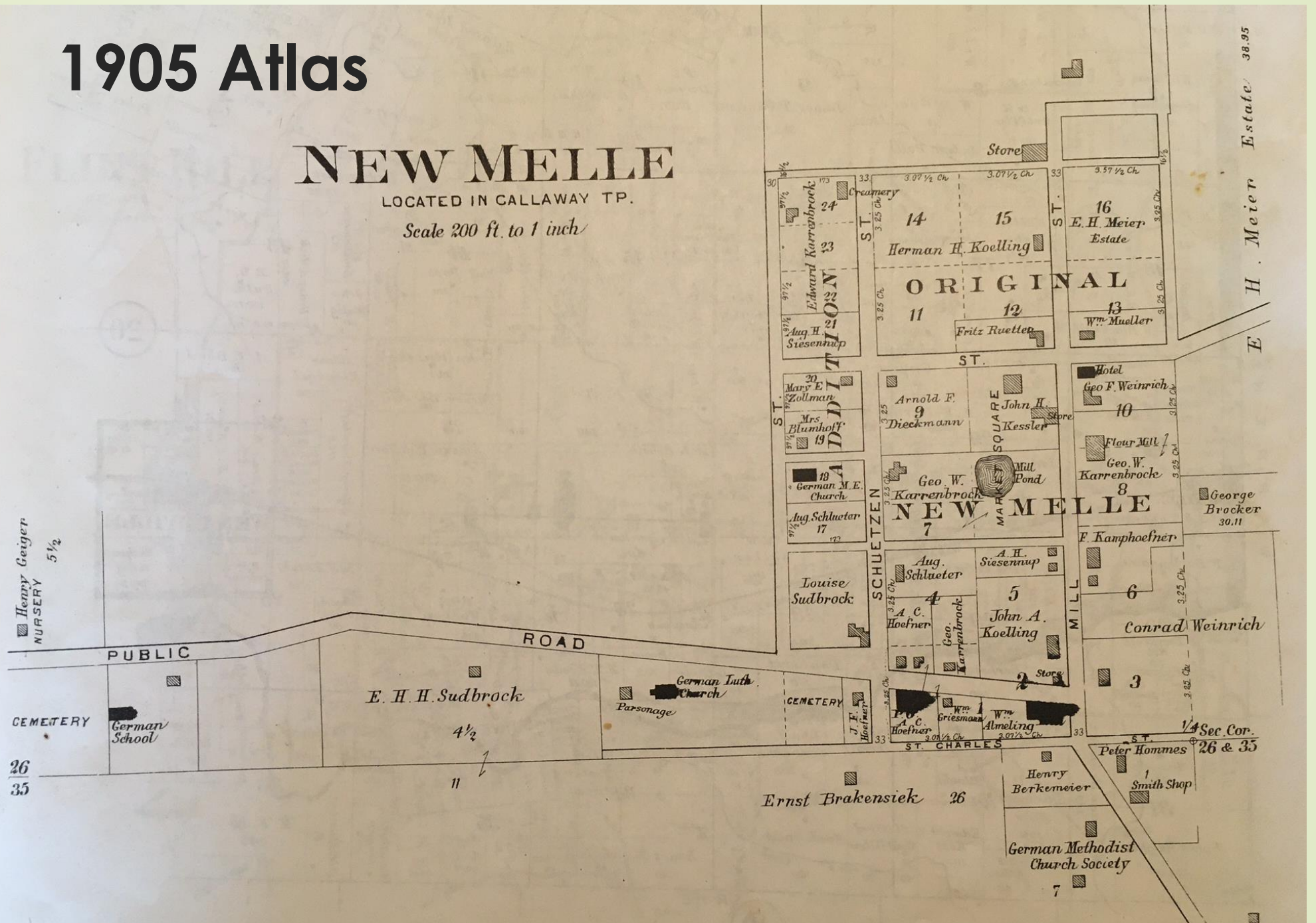


# 1905 Atlas

## NEW MELLE

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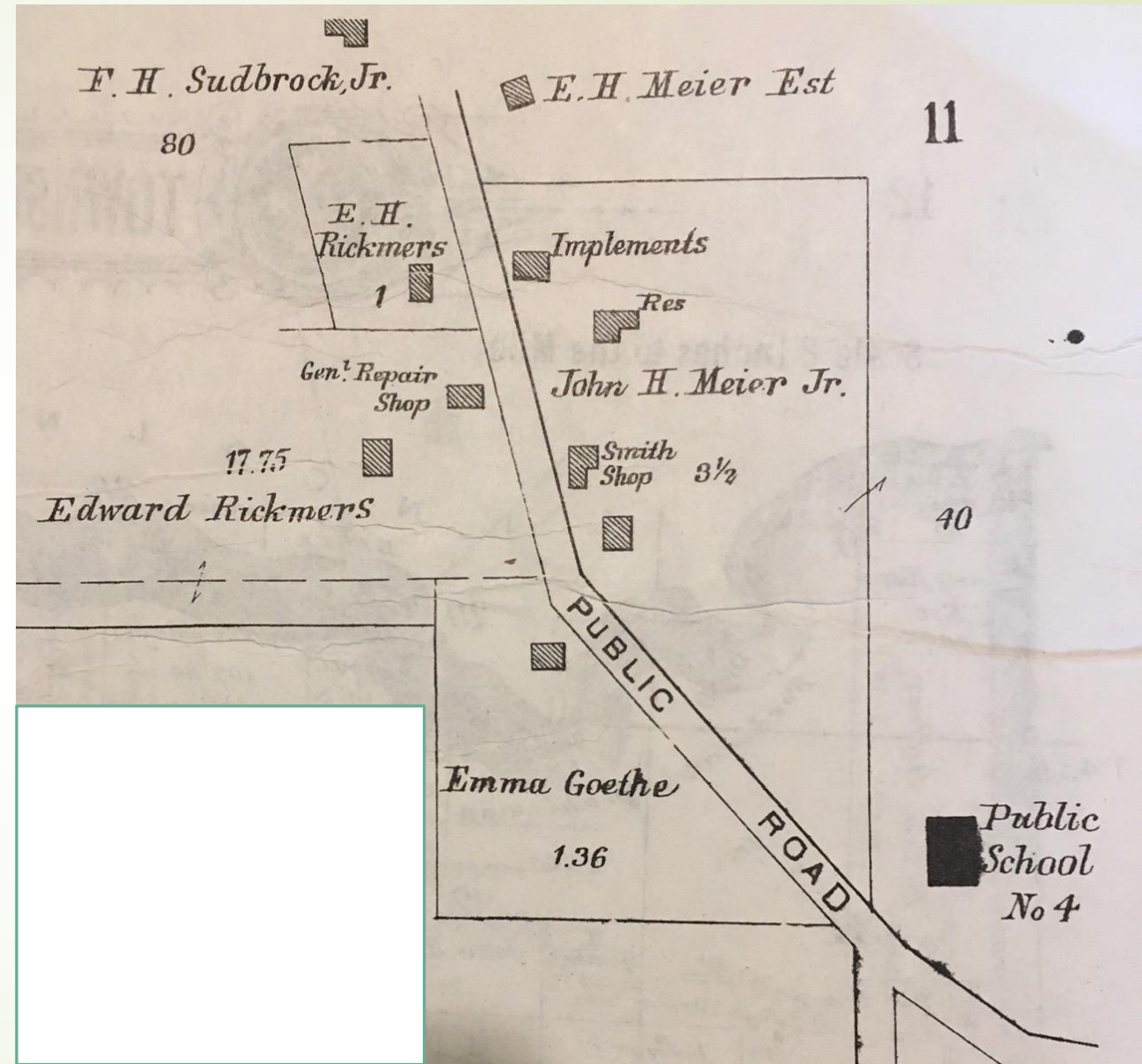
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# 1905 French Town New Melle

- **Public School**
- **John H. Meier J.** –  
smithshop, store,  
later garage
- **Rickmers** –  
Gunsmith, Tinner,  
jewelry repair





# New Melle Improvement Assoc., 1907







# Names of Town Board

- Back l to r: Charles E. Meier, Merchant; Hy Theilmann, Blacksmith David Hommes blacksmith, George Broeker-Livery Operator & Driver of “the Hack” from New Melle to Wentzville; Henry Geiger; Jewelryman Ed Rickmers, & Julius Kessler
- Center l to r: Miller Carl Karrenbrock, Ed Rickmers Sr. Tinner and Gunsmith, Bill Miller, Herman Sudbrock with Pencil-Painter & Shoemaker, George Karrenbrock, Merchant A.C. Hoefner and Creamery Operator Eddie Karrenbrock
- Front Row: Gottlieb Berg Saloon keeper, Ernst Kamphoefner Blacksmith, Dr. Oscar Mumm M.D. and Bill Willigman Harness Shop operator



# Dr. Oscar and Martha Muhm New Melle Doctor beginning 1902





# Kamphoefner & Auping Blacksmith and Wagon Shop





# A. Auping & Son Wagon Makers

➡ 1909

		NEW MELLE, MO. <u>Dec 6<sup>th</sup></u> 190 <u>9</u>			
		<u>Mr. John Nadler Sr.</u>		<u>New Melle</u>	
		IN ACCOUNT WITH			
		<b>A. AUPING &amp; SON</b>			
		<b>WAGON MAKERS.</b>			
1908					
August	6	To Put in 1 Boxen		\$0.25	
1909 Aug	13	" 1 Set New Felloes <sup>5.50</sup> & 9 Spokes <sup>1.80</sup>		7.30	
"	"	" 2 Bolsters with Standarts & 1 Sand Bar <sup>2.50</sup>		3.50	
"	"	" Put on Shimble & Boxen		1.50	
"	"	" 1 Neck yoke & Brake Blocks <sup>2.50</sup>		.65	
"	"	" New Wagon Bed		10.00	
"	"	" Painting		5.00	
"	"	" br by Lumber			\$2.00
Oct	1	" " 1 bu Rye	allowed by Charles D. Justice Court for \$ 25.20 in 5 <sup>th</sup> class against John Nadler's Estate		1.00
				28.20	

*A. Auping & Son*  
*Paid Nov 17th 1911*



# John D. Meier Jr. Blacksmith and Wagon Shop





# Mill Street looking south





# Looking South

- ▶ **New Melle  
Bank in back**





# New Melle Bank

- East side of Mill street where Dentist is now
- Left sign says Interest Paid on time deposit
- Emil Holt worked in this bank prior to Wentzville State Bank





# Muschany Funeral Home

- Came 1940s from TNT
- Later Pitman-Muschany Funeral Home
- Now apt building





# Lot 10 North

## Saloon and Hotel





# Kessler purchased Market Square 1874

- First Black smith. Tin & Wagon Shop
- Remodeled store 1889 Ernst Sudbrock main carpenter
- First Bell telephone call Dr. Muhm to Edward Holt's.
- New Melle Mercantile 1921
- Cracker Barrel 1971
- Burnt 1977





# Cultivating Corn behind Kessler's store or home.

- At age of two George's portrait placed on Kessler's Baking Powder
- His portrait stayed on the can for 25 years.





# New Melle Girls

- In front of Kessler house, next to the store.
- Kathern Kessler lived in the house until 1951





- **MILL POND**
- **Farm wagon used as dock**





# MILL POND





# Mill Pond & Geo W Karrenbrock home

another view







# Better Roads

## St. Charles Cosmos Monitor Jan 25, 1911

- George W. Karrenbrock of New Melle, says the engineers surveying for the proposed electric road from Kansas City to St. Louis arrived [New Melle] on last Friday from the Howell neighborhood and have been working around the town of New Melle since.
- Four engineers in the party . . . The people in that section of the county feel elated over the prospects of having the proposed road. The entire survey from Kansas vicinity has been made with the exceptions of St. Louis county. If the line is built on the survey being made it will not touch St. Charles and will cross the river near Weldon Spring station.
- Engineers report that the change from St. Charles to Weldon Spring has been passed on account of the lowlands between St. Charles and the northwestern part of the county, which is often overflowed. However, it is not yet settled which of the surveys will be used and that part will be settled later.



# The Mill







# Mill Owners powered by oxen, then steam, then electricity

- Henry Renkel
- Geo. Karrenbrock
- Emil and Oscar Holt purchased 1921
- Ed Panhorst
- Stanley Wolff
- Harley Holt sold 1951
- Mr. Fey
- ?
- Blair purchased 1956
- Straatman purchased 2006



# MILL INVOICES 1887 & 1958

New Melle, St. Charles Co., Mo., Apr 7 1887

*Mrs. Schatz & Schinnerer*

**BOUGHT OF G. & W. KARRENBROCK,**  
Manufacturers and Dealers in  
**FLOUR, CORN MEAL, BRAN, Etc.**  
ALSO, LUMBER.  
THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICE PAID FOR GRAIN OR TAKEN IN EXCHANGE FOR FLOUR AND MEAL.  
VOLKSFREUND PRINT.

*W. B. Schatz flour 250 18 15 10 1*  
*16 1/2*  
*15 1/4*  
*Delivery*  
*Received*

**HOLT MILLING CO.**  
WAYNE FEEDS & FERTILIZER  
New Melle, Mo.  
Phone BE. 2-4513

Customer's Order No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date 5-15 1958  
M Lawrence B. Lischer



# Mill Calendars





# Garage

- First built 1919 by Florence Joerling and Edwin Paul .
- First generator that supplied New Melle electricity to the streetlamps.
- Picture Edwin Giessman owned.
- Later was County Highway Shed





# Paul & Joerling – Paul & Welge – Welge

- Built 1926 by Edwin Paul & Florence Joerling
- Trucking business in back
- Community/Dance Hall upstairs
- Liquor only downstairs in back
- Received the first Draft Beer in Town.



**Arlie Welge purchased Joerling part in 1930 & Edwin Paul's part in 1950; 1970 sold to Kenny and Adele Bruns ; 1976 sold to Ruth Nolkemper, 1996 sold to Liz Hollaway**



# Almeling Hotel

- Later residence for Oscar and Harley Holt – sold 1951
- Later yet the home of John Anderson family





# Hoefner's Store

NOT DELIVERED WITHIN 5 DAYS, RETURN TO

A. C. HOEFNER

NEW MELLE, MO.





# A.C. HOEFNER INVOICE

- Estab 1872 – previously run by Fredrick Leimbrock
- Pratts Animal Food
- Veterinary Remedies

ESTABLISHED 1872

**PRATTS**  
REGISTERED  
TRADE MARK  
IMPROVED

**pratts**  
OF PHILADELPHIA

THE ORIGINAL STOCK AND  
POULTRY FOODS OF AMERICA

**PRATTS**  
POULTRY  
FOOD  
TRADE MARK  
REGISTERED


ORDER  
PRATTS  
ANIMAL AND POULTRY FOODS  
AND  
VETERINARY REMEDIES

NEW MELLE, Mo., *Dec 28 - 1909*

*Mr. John Hadler*

BOUGHT OF

**A. C. HOEFNER**  
General Merchandise and  
Implements, Farm Machinery

If you keep your  open  
YOU WILL SEE IT PAYS TO TRADE WITH

*1909*  
*Oct 4 To 1000# Animal Bone Manure \$10 00*



# A. C. Hoefner Home

- Across from store
- Bricks from Staulhuth Brick Factory NW of St. Paul Lutheran Park.





# Creamery



➤ Long time employee John Schemmer



# The lights at home of Ed Karrenbrock, the owner of the Creamery

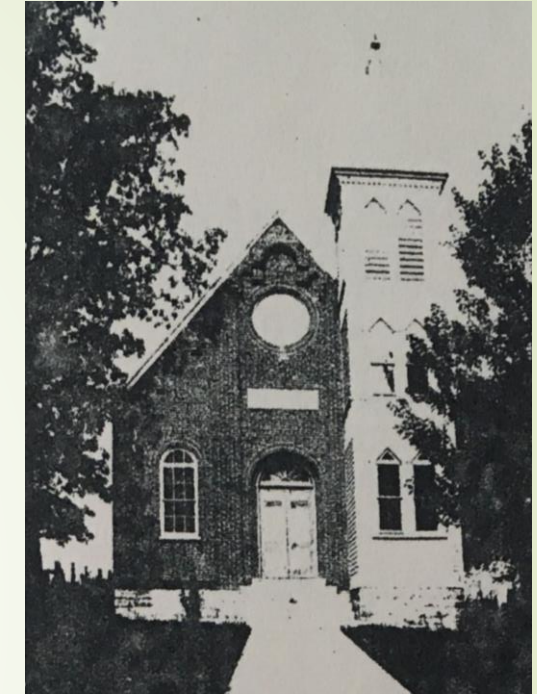
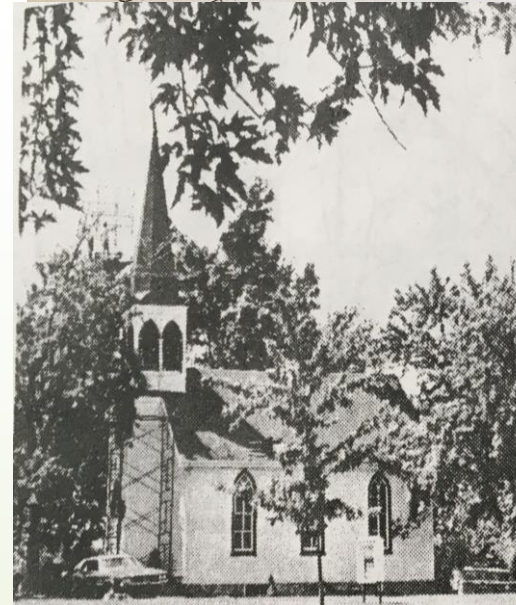
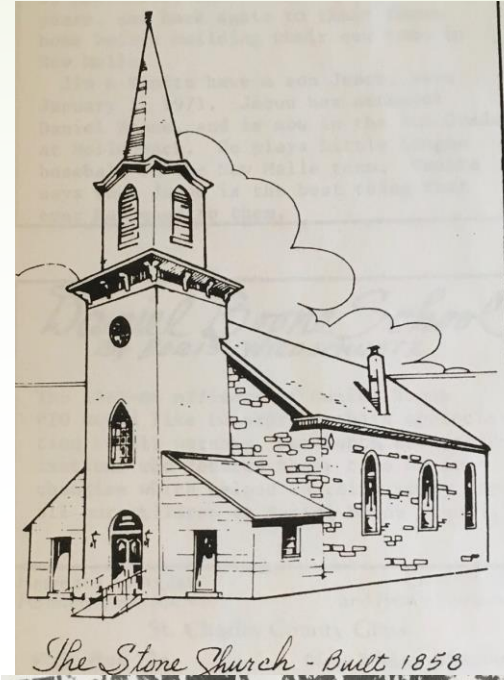
- People came from miles to see the Christmas lights.
- Peace on Earth  
Good Will to Men.





# Churches

- St. Paul's Lutheran 1844, German school soon after, stone church built 1858
- Methodist 1869, brick church built 1878
- Evangelical Friedens 1904, church built from remodeled store 1905
- Immaculate Heart of Mary purchased property 1943, building dedicated 1945
- Baptist used Methodist Church starting early 60's then later moved east of town





# Frieden's Church

- Purchased Store and Home from John and Laura Koelling 1904
- A store was converted to church 1905
- Dwelling became parsonage







# Church News in Wentzville Union

- ▶ June 13, 1919 The Lutheran Church of New Melle, will have their annual picnic on Sunday June the 15<sup>th</sup>, in Lutheran Park. The New Melle Band will furnish music, and refreshments of all kinds will be served.
- ▶ April 23, 1920 . . . The Ladies Gospel Team of Central Wesleyan College . . . Come to New Melle May 2 ... good music inspiring messages. . . 10:30am & 7:30pm at New Melle Methodist Episcopal Church
- ▶ March 3, 1922 New Melle: The pie social given by the Ladies Aid Society was a success: the social part as well as the financial part. . . Patriotic songs were sung and Mr. A.C. Hoefner made an address, his subject being "George Washington," as it was Washington's birthday, it was very appropriate.



# New Melle Band 1919





# Schools

- German schools soon after Churches formed
  - Lutheran school - by main Lutheran Cemetery until 1919
  - Methodist school- South of town
- Lutheran School Dedication 1919
  - Wentzville Union May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1919 On Easter Monday the Lutheran congregation dedicated its new school building, many from Wentzville and other neighboring congregation taking part. The congregation now has a modern and very friendly school. [Next to church]





# Public Schools

- 1860 New Melle School District established - first log building
- 1898 “Modern” Frame Building



- Consolidation of Schools came 1949, and New Melle placed in Francis Howell School District



# Results from New Melle School meeting

## ➤ Wentzville Union 1922

- An eight months school term was voted on – one opposing vote and it was in favor of 9 months. Financially the school district is in good shape,
- New Melle should have at least a two-year high school. The first-year high school taught at present is not accredited but nevertheless it is doing a great deal of good as all pupils stood the test examinations and were promoted to second year high in the accredited high schools.
- Some pupils of this district are attending Howell High School this year. Why not make arrangement for an accredited 2-year high school [New Melle]?





# Schools continued

- Daniel Boone School
  - 1952 Anna L., the widow of former Merchant Charles F.E. Meier & their daughters Francis Meier & Helena Work donated 16 acres for the school
  - 1955 Dedication – four classrooms, auditorium, office, a sickroom, kitchen and washroom facilities. Enrollment was 191 pupils.
  - Early long time teachers - Mary Cunningham & Ralph Dumbell.





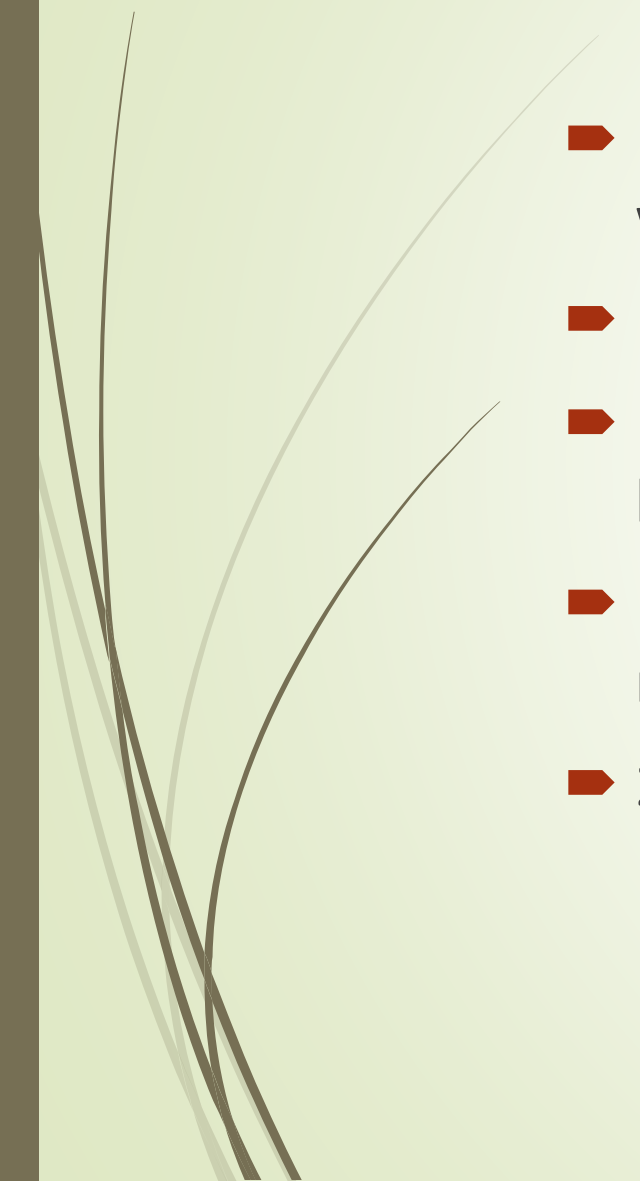
# Community Organization

- 1946 **New Melle Recreation Association**, Ground leased from Lutheran Church and ball field developed and lights installed.
- 1950 name changed to **New Melle Booster's Club**. April 1952 committee appointed to proceed with incorporation of the club "**New Melle Community Club**". 1953 voted to open membership to Women.
- 1953 2-day festival and parade organized, and it continues today.
- 1953 assumed sponsorship of a New Melle Fire Department and started the campaign for funds with a donation of \$850. 1954 Fire hall built, and first fire engine purchased. Both financed entirely through donations.
- 1956 receives \$500 Award from Missouri Edison – they use that money to build addition onto the Fire Hall to house a telephone system for the community.





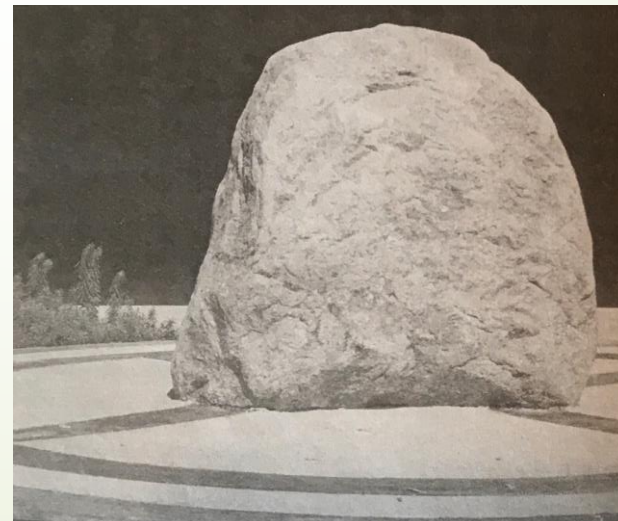
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- 1956 started Khoury League ball. 1966 purchased current property where land and ball fields located.
  - 1979 New Melle Village Incorporated.
  - 1981 sponsored the first New Melle Passion Play & have donated building ever since.
  - 1988 built 50'x74' indoor horseshoe facility which earned recognition as some of the best horseshoe facilities in the Midwest.
  - 2006 Changed name to New Melle Sports and Recreation, Inc.
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- Agreement signed June 16, 1988
- Friendship Rock 1994
- Hew Hopes, New Dreams, New Melle
- Friendship Statue 2005
- Multiple visits throughout the years

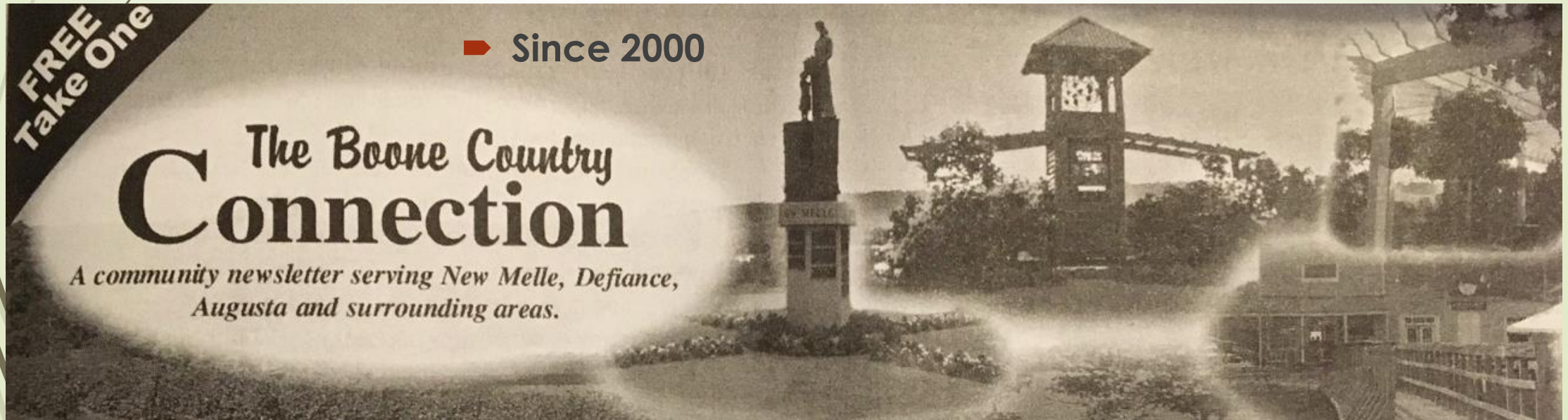




# Newspapers



And Tri County 1994 to Early 2000





# William & Adelia Fuerman Home





# Ed Rickmer's





# John D. Meier Jr Home





# School House





# McElheny Home





# Charles E. Meier Family Home





# New Melle Fire Dept





# Kessler Home





# Conrad Weinrich Home





# Almeling Hotel





# The Hat Shop (Miliner)





# Auping Home





# Lutheran Church School







**Hope you enjoyed this  
little bit of New Melle  
History!**