

Joseph & Marian Bauer Farm

LOCATION

This farm is located to the south of Plain on Paulus Road. It is in section 17 of Franklin Township.

Four generations of Bauers lived on this land starting around 1877.

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This is a "recent" arial photo of the farm.

The garage was not built when this picture was taken.

If you look closely, you can see what might be a person on the road to the left of the silo.

The 1st log cabin on this land was on the hill in the upper right-hand corner of this photo.

The 2nd log cabin on this land was between the house and the silo.

It looks that like they were making hay when this picture was taken. Or maybe those piles in the fields are corn.

1983

This photo was gotten from Doris Kraemer-Bindl. This is the 2nd log-cabin that built on this property.

Making an educated guess, Plain is located behind the hills in the upper-right hand corner. This seems to be the back of the house.

Who are the three children? Joseph Bauer , Lucy Bauer-Kraemer, ???. The boy appears to be wearing a tie. He also seems to be wearing a hat of some kind. It doesn't seem to be a defect in the picture.

What happened to the building to the right of the house?

This appears to be a drafty house. Note the missing planks below the smokestack on the left-side of the picture.

It seems like they were growing a crop of weeds in the backyard. I suppose this saves time if you don't have mow the lawn.

This building has glass windows. The roof doesn't seem to be too level.

MAJOR MYSTERY

On the right side of the house, above the window, there appears to be a wire attached to the house. This log cabin was replaced by the current building around 1919 so this wire/line can not be a phone or electricity wire. Comparing it to the height of the children, it seems to be too high to be a clothes line.

What is the other end attached to? The other building? Could this be attached to a lighting rod??

1959

This an arial view of the property. It gives a good overview of the property and where houses might have been located.

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The 1857 plat map shows nobody living on the Bauer farm. Diehall, Claridge and Freediger owned the land in section 17.

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The 1877 plat map shows B. Pronold owning land in section 17. This is the year Franziska Bauer married Pronold.

This map shows J. Schwartz living just to the south. (Theresia Bauer-Schwartz was Franzika's sister.)

Other neighbors included Hutters, Sprecker, Aarons, Neuheisel, Wachter, Schoeneman, Leigel.

Note that the road is not in its current location.

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The 1893 plat map shows John H. Bauer owning the land. This shows Bettinger's living just to the west. John B. Bauer's daughter married a Bettinger.

This map shows both log cabins. It also shows the road in its current location.

This plat map might be helpful in identifying the group photo 744 that might contain a picture of Franzika. We think that the photo was taken around the 1890's. Photo 744 seems to be a picture of family and neighbors. The plat map shows who was living in the area at the time.

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The 1906 plat map shows a clearer view of where the 2 log cabins were located

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The 1922 plat map shows only one building on the property. We assume that this is the current house on the property. Both log cabins appear to have been torn down.

Per Richard Aaron, Franziska Bauer and Theresia Bauer-Schwartz lived in the 1st log cabin at the ends of their lives. By 1912, both were dead. We can assume that the 1st log cabin was torn down between 1912 and 1922

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The 1947 plat map shows neighbors.