

EARLY LAND HISTORY OF THE CABIN

On March 24, 1840 Daniel Hankins and his wife Sally conveyed 40 acres of land described as the northeast quarter of the southwest of Section 13, Township 46, Range Two West to Asa Hinds (also interpreted as Hines) for the sum of \$300ⁱ. This is the tract of land adjacent to the west of the tract of land where our log cabin is situated. This is the earliest recorded document concerning the general area where our log cabin is located.

On April 4, 1843 Asa Hinds and his wife Nancy conveyed this 40 acre tract of land just to the west of the land where our log cabin is situated to Herman Christopher Bottemuller for the sum of \$200 (interesting enough taking a \$100 loss from his purchase three years earlier).ⁱⁱ Note that this document refers to the conveyance of the land and "appurtenances thereto" which could indicate that some type of structure had been built on the land by this time.

The land in question where our log cabin is now situated was part of the very immense area of land acquired by the United States government from France in the Louisiana Purchase. The United States government then conveyed parcels or tracts of this land to frontier pioneers who had qualified under the law *as* having settled on the land. Remember that Herman Bottemuller had acquired the 40 acres just to the west of the land where our log cabin is now situated in April of 1843. Now on July 1, 1848 the 40 acres, described as the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 46, Range Two West, which is the land where our log cabin is now situated, was given by the United States government to Herman Bottemuller by virtue of Land Patent Certificate 14402 signed by then President James K. Polk.

The Will of Herman Christopher Bottemullerⁱⁱⁱ is the only documentary evidence so far found of the transfer of the land in question from Herman Bottemuller to his son Casper Bottemuller. This Will was filed in the County Court of Warren County February 4, 1852. This indicates that Herman Bottemuller made and executed this Will prior to February 4, 1852, and also indicates that he died shortly prior to February 4, 1852. The Will was recorded in handwriting by the Clerk of the County Court.

It is interesting to note that in this Will Herman Bottemuller makes specific bequests to his Daughter, Catherine Louise Oberlag, of \$200 less the value of a cow and a horse previously given to her; to his daughter Marie Wilhelmina \$200 to be paid on April 1, 1853, plus a horse and full bedding for one; to his daughter Johanne Marie, \$200 to be paid on April 1, 1855, plus a horse, a cow and full bedding for one bed; to his wife Marie \$200 and his house (not the log cabin on the property in question), kitchen furniture, a horse, a cow, and bedding to one bed; and to his daughter Marie Lindemann \$200. The rest and residue of his estate Herman bequeathed to his son Casper. It is by this sentence written in this Will that Casper became the legal owner of the land in question.

ⁱ Deed of Sale from Daniel Hankins and wife to Asa Hinds and his heirs, 24 Mar 1840, Warren County, Missouri, Deed Book C, pg 40, County Recorder's Office, Warrenton, Missouri.

ⁱⁱ Deed of Sale from Asa Hinds and wife to Herman C. Bottemuller, 4 April 1843, Warren County, Missouri, Deed Book D, pg 75, County Recorder's Office, Warrenton, Missouri.

ⁱⁱⁱ Recorded Will of Herman Christoper Bottemuller, filed February 4, 1852, County Court, Warren County, Missouri, County Recorder's Office, Warrenton, Missouri.