

## LAND HISTORY OF CABIN - 1855 to 1900

By deed of January 1, 1855<sup>i</sup> the land in question *was* part of 80 acres conveyed by Casper Bottemuller and his wife Charlotte to Mary Wilhelmina Bottemuller, Casper's sister. The price for the 80 acre tract of land was \$500. In this deed specific reference is made to the fact that Casper had acquired this land as an inheritance from his father, who is referred to as-"Christopher Bottemuller", Christopher being the middle name of Herman Bottemuller.

The two page document<sup>ii</sup> begins with the bottom paragraph of the first page, and conveys the land in question on February 4, 1855 from August Wehmeyer and his wife Wilhemina to Frederich Mische. The land in question was included as part of the 80 acres Mary Wilhemina Bottemuller acquired a month earlier. Thereafter, and before the conveyance to Mische, Wilhemina had married August Wehmeyer.

Reference is specifically made to the fact that Christopher Bottemuller had inherited this land from his father, Herman Bottemuller, and that Christopher had subsequently sold the land to his sister Wilhemina. It is also interesting to note at the bottom third of the second page the entry whereby Marie Bottemuller, wife/widow of Herman Bottemuller, relinquished any dower interest she may have had in this land on February 1, 1855. Remember that she was not given the land in Herman's Will, but by existing law at that time she may have still had some entitlement to this land by virtue of being the spouse of Herman Bottemuller when he died.

On March 10, 1864 Frederich Mische and his wife Elice conveyed the land in question, as part of a large tract of land containing 240 acres, to Henry Rahe<sup>iii</sup>. The total price was \$1,400. Note that for the first time in the documents mention is made that the land was being conveyed together with "improvements". From this it may be inferred that at least by 1864 the log cabin had been built.

By his Will<sup>iv</sup>, Henry Rahe bequeathed all of his property, including our land in question, to his wife, Charlotte. This Will was filed in the Probate Court of Warren County on August 30, 1902, indicating that Henry had passed away shortly prior thereto, and the filing of this Will also conveyed the property in question to Charlotte Rahe. Note that Henry Rahe had held this property since 1864 (the Civil War era), about 38 years.

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<sup>i</sup> Deed of Sale from Casper Bottemuller to Mary Wilhemina Bottemuller, January 1, 1855, Warren County, Missouri, Deed Book F, pg 420, County Recorder's Office, Warrenton, Missouri.

<sup>ii</sup> Deed of Sale from August Wehmeyer to Frederick Mische, February 4, 1855, Warren County, Missouri, Deed Book G, pg 64, Warren County Recorder's Office, Warrenton, Missouri.

<sup>iii</sup> Deed of Sale from Frederich Mische to Henry Rahe, March 10, 1864, Warren County, Missouri, County Recorder's Office, Deed Book L, pg 568, County Recorder's Office, Warrenton, Missouri.

<sup>iv</sup> Recorded Will of Henry Rahe, filed August 30, 1902, Warren County, Missouri, Book 25, pgs 568, 569, County Recorder's Office, Warrenton, Missouri.