

Lake Creek Settlement in 1834

1819-1856

The Lake Creek Settlement is located in southern Warren County, directly west of the 5th Prime Meridian which divides Warren County from St. Charles County Missouri. In 1819, this area was part of St. Charles County in the Louisiana Territory of the United States. In 1821, it became St. Charles County in the State of Missouri. In 1824, it became Montgomery County, after the division was made at the 5th Prime Meridian. In 1833, it became Warren County, Missouri. Many records of 1824-1833 were lost in October, 1864 during the attack on Danville, Missouri.



1- Farm of Jacob Haun / Paul Follenius (private)
Purchased in February, 1819 at the same time as the first parcel of Godfried Duden purchased. Duden resided with Haun from 1824-1827, often writing from the hilltop to the east of the residence. In 1834, the property was purchased by Paul Follenius (Giessen) and was his until his death in 1844. The Follenius family cemetery is located on the property to the southeast of the house.

2-Original site of home of Gottfried Duden (private)
First purchase in February 1819 was located in Section 35. When Duden arrived in 1824, his agent Dabney Burnett had erected a cabin on that portion. Duden and Haun jointly purchased additional acreage in 1824, then later divided it. Duden subsequently began building another home on that property which he refers to in 1826 as being complete.

3-Eversmann Farm (private) Ludwig Eversmann had also completed his own home by 1826. Eversmann family cemetery lies on his portion of the property.

4-Original site of Dutzow was property purchased communally by the Berlin Society in 1832. By 1834, J.W. Bock had assumed title and platted his village of Dutzow, named for his former estate in Mecklenberg. The village also included a distillery, mill and meeting hall where school was taught on weekdays, and meetings and religious events were held on weekends. Meeting hall site is located in the adjoining Dutzow Cemetery. In 1893, the Missouri Kansas Texas Railroad caused development to move westward.

5 - Farm of Friedrich Muench (private) (Giessen)
Purchased upon his arrival in 1834, Muench lived here until his death in 1881. He is buried on a high hilltop to the east of the home in a family cemetery. Muench worked to continue Duden's promotion of German emigration to Missouri. He served as Representative in the Missouri legislature, was a leading proponent of viticulture, and published numerous books and articles in newspapers in both the U.S. and in Germany.

6-Site of farm & sawmill of George Muench (private)