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## Heritage Happenings

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Lest We Forget...

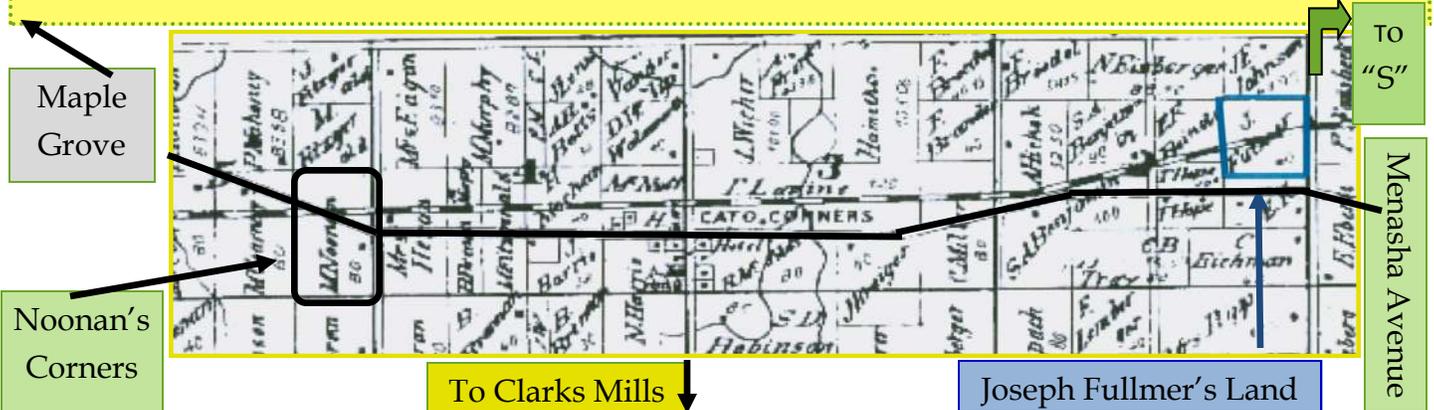


Our History Continues: In our May issue, we ended in the Spring of 1867—Theresa has learned how to milk the cow. Up in St. Nazianz, Josepha Thoenie is working in the “Pink House” with homemaking chores, Rosa Wahl is teaching religion in the parochial school, and Mary Ann Graf is perplexed about the money she has found and is consulting with Theresa. We continue with Mother Gabriel’s journal account....

*All this went on to April (1867) where Father Joseph accepted the Pine Grove or White Law district school for six months. During that time Magdalen Derler and Mary Doyle kept house, tended the sheep, etc. Sometime Sophia Fessler would come for a few days. I came after school (back to Clarks Mills) every Friday afternoon & back on Monday morning early or Sunday evening when no Mass was announced for Monday, or to Maple Grove 7 miles & back again. This is the time I got acquainted with Mr. Joe Fullmer’s Family, because I had to pass their house or they had been to church, were kind enough to take me back to school on Monday or church day. That is how I got acquainted with our dear Rev. Mother’s parents, who were our greatest benefactors. Almsgiving will bear blessings a hundredfold. That little chunky Pauline, the oldest girl of the family, is she not a prove of this? as a reward of the good deeds of her good & generous Mother. Who would have dreamed that little 7 year old tot would inherit that big generous heart, would work with God’s Grace so faithfully & become a Rev. Mother for so many years to us. Eternal thanks to Almighty God, may He, in His goodness bless her yet many years to come. Next issue: off to Notre Dame in Milwaukee.*



Joseph Fullmer and his family were located in Section 2...land enclosed within the BLUE square. The school where it is believed Theresa taught was located on County “S”...where Maple Grove Sanatorium was eventually built on the other side of “S” opposite the no longer existing school. Walking from here, Theresa would have passed the Fullmer home and then continue west on Menasha Road (now Highway 10 thru Whitelaw) to Cato Corners. Straight ahead was Noonan’s Corners where the old St. Patrick’s, Maple Grove, church rested. If she turned south, she ended up at Clarks Mills. For clarification, the present St. Patrick’s Church at Maple Grove was built between 1870—1874 so we know Theresa was not walking all the way to present Maple Grove but only as far as Noonan’s Corners for church services....where she’d meet the Fullmer’s. Where she lived during the week is not known but there must have been a place for her to stay as she only returned to Clarks Mills on the weekends.





Your help is again needed. In our Heritage artifacts is this hand bell that has three ringing bells attached. These hand bells are usually rung at the elevation of the Eucharist during the Consecration of the Mass. They use to be rung in St. Mary's and St. Francis Chapel. Data with this particular set of hand bells states that they came from St. Rita's Chapel. Does anyone remember if Mass was ever held in St. Rita's Chapel at any time after this wing was built? An altar did rest in this chapel before the San Damiano Cross replaced it. If anyone can confirm that the Liturgy was celebrated here, it would be much appreciated.

*In the May issue of Heritage Happening, Volunteer services that are done outside of Mission assignments were celebrated. A few more services have been identified since then.*

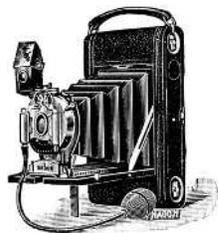
- 63. Parish Choir Member
- 64. Director Hand Chimes Choir
- 65. Director Youth Choir
- 66. For Literacy at United Way
- 67. RSVP/Volunteer Advisory Board
- 68. On St. Francis of Assisi/St. Thomas the Apostle Confirmation Adult Team



*Voice of the Past: St. Theresa, Kekaha remembered.*

*It was in August, 1946, that the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity came to serve in our parish of St. Theresa, Kekaha, Kauia. I recall the day that Father Robeck, then Pastor, came to Waimea Elementary School to ask a group of us if we wanted to attend the "Sisters' School." We jumped into Father's station wagon and went to Kekaha. Of course, the sisters were very strange to us, but they soon became a part of us, and we loved them. The seed of my vocation was planted in the sixth grade through the inspiration of these Franciscan Sisters.*

*Signed: Sister Innocentia, O.S.F. Syracuse, New York.*



**A photo of interest:**

*Sisters Hilary Hautzinger, Malachy Donovan, Columban Hoegerl and Cyril Hoffman at the "Pink House" in St. Nazianz, before 1929 and where Sr. Coletta, Foundress, once worked in 1866.*



**Another Question ????**

The Heritage Museum is being "renovated" a bit by identifying the history of each item being kept. This crucifix was found with the following note taped on the back: Was in the Reception Room at the entrance. Was replaced on October 9, 2009 by the San Damiano Crucifix. Nothing is known about THIS crucifix. I'm not sure if "Reception Room" refers to our Motherhouse Reception Room or if this came from another convent. A San Damiano Cross does not hang in our Reception Room at present. This one is wood and hand painted with gold paint used on the crown of thorns, around the INRI, both ends of the cross bar and the base. **Does anyone recognize this cross?**

