

Artisans and Craftsmen of Cooper County

Cabinet Makers

BENDLE, F. Louis

A native of Bavaria who was living in Boonville, Cooper County in July 1838, when he filed papers of intent to become a citizen of the United States; final papers granted in July, 1842. The Missouri State Gazetteer and Business Directory (1880) lists him as a "manufacturer and dealer in furniture, west side Main."

MANN, F. Joseph, Sr.

A native of Bavaria who emigrated to the United States in 1850, settling in Pilot Grove, Cooper County, where he made some furniture.

MASEL, John George

Born in Switzerland in 1803 and died in Cooper County in 1845. Trained as a cabinetmaker in Switzerland, he emigrated to Cooper County, Missouri in 1837.

SAUTER, Matthew

Born in Germany in 1811 and died in South Dakota in 1896. Sauter trained as a cabinetmaker in Germany, emigrated to Boonville, Cooper County, Missouri in 1859. There is no evidence that he followed his trade in this country. For some years he operated a farm in Moniteau County. In 1882 he moved to South Dakota.

WINKELMEYER, Henry, Sr.

A native of Germany who was working as a cabinetmaker in Boonville in 1855 in which year his daughter Mary was born there. The Missouri State Gazetteer and Business Directory (1880) lists him as an "undertaker and furniture dealer." He seems to have continued making furniture into the 1880s and an open cupboard dates from that period.

Carpenters and Builders

SCHILB, Jacob, Sr.

Born in Bavaria, he died on his farm in Cooper County, June 30, 1856. He worked as a carpenter in Bavaria before immigrating to the United States with his wife in 1847 and located on a farm in Cooper County.

Coopers

Engravers

DUNKEL, Augustus

A resident of Boonville in 1860, when he advertised "guns and pistols, also manufacturer. A large stock on hand, west side Main."

Brick and Stonemasons

Potters and Potteries

BLANCK, F. X.

Proprietor of the Boonville Pottery, 808 Locust St., Boonville, Missouri in 1912. The pottery made many different wares including snake handled jugs and other ornamental pieces. The pottery closed shortly before World War I.

JEGGLIN, John Michael

A native of Wurtemberg-Baden who emigrated to Boonville before 1856. He had learned the potter's trade in Germany. He began operating his Boonville pottery before 1868 and operated it until sometime after 1894, it was located on the west side of Seventh Street, between Spring and Locust Sts.

Jegglin is said to have been a native of Wurtemberg-Baden where he learned the potter's trade. He came to Boonville before 1856 and before 1868 had started a pottery at the Northeast corner of Seventh and Locust Streets which he and his sons operated until sometime after 1894. In 1892 the firm is still shown as "J. M. Jegglin, Manufacturer and Dealer in Stoneware," although an account by a workman (August Blanck) is with E. A. Jegglin, and a druggists bill dated August 29, 1894 is made to "Jeglin Bros." E. A. Jegglin was one of J. M. Jegglin's sons.

The Blanck account for labor covers the period from August 22, (the year is not given) until Oct. 31st with charges totalling \$85.25. A typical week's work, showing that he was employed on a piece work basis, is

307	- 1 gal pans	
130	- 1 gal fruit cans	
150	- tops fruit cans	\$1.65
50	- 1 gal high Jugs	.75
200	- 1/2 gal low jugs	1.50
100	- chambers	1.50
	- Sunday, setting Kiln	1.50
		\$8.02

During subsequent weeks Blanck made 1 gallon pots, churns and covers, 50 toys, 12 gallon jars, 10 gallon jars, flower pots and their saucers, spittoons, and other pieces.

The sampling of invoices which survive show that from September 1883 - March 15, 1888, Jegglin was selling at least some of his wares, through a Kansas City agent, E. A. Kuhns, who advertised that he was "Sole agent, local and traveling, for the Boonville, Mo., Calhoun, No., and Macomb, Ill., stoneware, terra-cottaware, Flower Pots, etc. etc." Shipments were made to Osage, Mo., and various addresses in Kansas. Another small group of orders, dated Oct. 1892 list shipments made to merchants in Napoleon, Wellington, Buckner, Independence, Levasy, and Blackwater, Missouri. Among the 'toys' made at the pottery were small snake-handled jugs and possibly banks.

The September 7, 1877 issue of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser has this to say about the J. M. Jegglin pottery. "J. M. Jegglin is the sole proprietor of another large pottery. He began business in 1858, and by faithful adherence to strict business principles, and close application to his vocation, he has gradually enlarged his business until its present proportions are not only commendable, but profitable. He has been compelled to repeatedly enlarge his buildings and appliances until he now has the main factory 78 x 40 feet and three stories high. His kilns are capacious, and he burns with little loss. Almost every desirable vessel made of earthenware, is found in his yards. His principal shipments are to Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and in Missouri. He employs a strong force, who know their business, and hence the smoothness of his wares. He manufactures about 300,000 gallons per annum.

LAUER, Nicholas

A German immigrant who bought the Volrath pottery in Boonville about 1869 and operated it for some years. The chief product was holloware glazed with Albany slip. The pottery made jars, jugs, churns, milk crocks, and snake handled jugs. The pieces were unmarked. The pottery was located on the south side of Locust Street, east of 7th near the Jegglin Pottery.

VOLRATH, Jacob and Nicholas

These brothers, natives of Saxe-Coburg, were living in Boonville before 1844, in which year they filed declarations of intent to become citizens of the United States. Soon after arriving

in Boonville, they purchased the Marcus Williams pottery which had been established in 1834, which they continued to operate until the latter 1860s when they sold out to Nicholas Lauer. The Volraths made wares with Albany slip glaze, producing jars, jugs, churns of all sizes, milk crocks, and toy snake handled jugs "just for fun." At times they employed as many as 24 people of which 18 or 20 did nothing but shape the wares.

The September 7, 1877 issues of the Boonville Weekly Advertiser lists this pottery as Vollrath & Kline. "The business was begun on their present site, in 1837, and has been continued by various persons up to the present time, with one unvarying result - success. The present firm began in 1873. They are cautious but enterprising men, and are steadily increasing their trade. They have large grounds, ample facilities and complete arrangements for extensive work. Some months ago they added an engine, with which they pump water, thoroughly crush and mix the clay and prepare it for the potters, and dry their casts. They employ a large force and manufacture about 350,000 gallons a year.

VOLRATH, H. W.

Operated a pottery during the 1880s and 1890s.

WEYRICH, Charles

Operated The Boonville Earthenwares Manufactory, specializing in flower pots, during the period from before 1869 until after 1877. In 1869 his pottery was located on the south side of Pine, between 5th and 6th Sts.

Tinsmiths

ZIMMERMAN, John

A "tinner" in Boonville in 1860.