

at Milwaukee, we at once proceeded to that place, but were disappointed. At the Milwaukee land office we found, after examination, that the land in that district was not favorable for our emigrants. On the 24th of June, we therefore left Milwaukee via Troy, to Exeter, in Green county. Here, at last, we found in town 4, range 7, a large extent of land suitable for our purpose, containing the prescribed qualities, as: healthy climate, copious springs, fertile soil, timber, and prospect of convenient market for produce. After several more fruitless trips in different directions southward to Como, Illinois, and northwest to the Wisconsin river, we returned to Mineral Point, where we met Theodore Rodolf, who received us kindly and gave us his advice and help, and accompanied us on several trips in this district. On our return to Mineral Point, on July 17, we finally concluded to purchase near Exeter, Green county, twelve hundred acres of the land we had seen on June 27, and in addition eighty acres of good timber. We further bought necessary provisions and tools, with which we at once proceeded to the colony land, and Duerst and Streiff began to build huts. On the twenty-fourth of July the surveyor arrived, and with the kind help of Frederick Rodolf,¹ a brother of Theodore, we finished the survey and also the building of two temporary huts on the 30th." At this point, Frey's journal closes with the remark that on the sixth of August he bade farewell to Messrs. Duerst and Streiff, and departed for his home in Pennsylvania.

Judge Duerst wrote on August 19, 1845, to the Emigration Society, Switzerland: "We have selected and bought what we believe to be a favorable point for settlement. The land lies eight miles from Exeter, and thirty-five miles from Mineral Point, where great markets are held. It contains mostly fertile soil, good water in springs and streams, and sufficient forests. One of the streams running through our land has sufficient power for one or two mills, and we indulge in the pleasing hope that our fellow-

¹ Still living at South Wayne, Wisconsin.