

# Levi Butts

By Tim Cooper & Marian Ruhland Burmester

Early Franklin township pioneer Levi Butts first arrived in Sauk County from Virginia in about 1846. He settled in Prairie du Sac where he meets and marries Mary Anne Cooper in June of 1847, with this marriage being among the earliest in the county. Shortly after their third child was born in 1855 they moved to Franklin Township. Here they purchased two 40 acre parcels which they received a swamp land grant for on the banks of Honey Creek and across Valley View Road from Lemuel Cooper who was Mary Anne's uncle. Levi farmed this land until he passed away in August of 1863. Mary Anne Butts now widowed and the mother of five young children sells the property to her uncle Lemuel. Shortly after she moves to Union County Iowa near the Missouri border where her parents and most of her other family lived.

No. 401 — **SWAMP LAND GRANT.**

**STATE OF WISCONSIN**

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

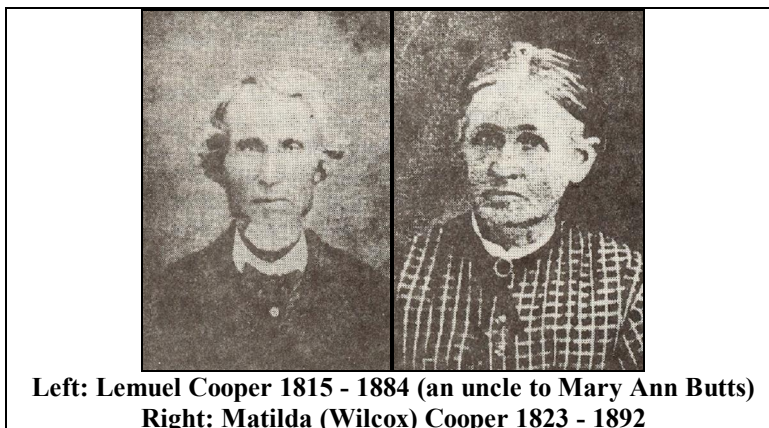
Whereas, Levi Butts of Sauk County, has complied with all the provisions of law to enable him to Patent for the following described Lands, being a part of the Lands granted to the State of Wisconsin, by an Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to enable the State of Wisconsin and other States to reclaim the Swamp Lands within their limits," approved September 28th, A. D. 1850, to wit: The South West quarter of the South West quarter

of Section Number Four in Town Nine North of Range Five East according to the official plats of survey of said Lands in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Now Know Ye, That the State of Wisconsin, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with law in such case made and provided, has Given and Granted, and by these Presents Does Give and Grant unto the said Levi Butts and to his heirs and assigns, the said described lands; To Have and to Hold the same, together with all the Rights, Privileges, Immunities and Appurtenances, of whatsoever nature thereunto belonging, unto the said Levi Butts and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin has caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of said State to be affixed at the Capital in Madison, on this thirteenth day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty five.

By the Governor: Wm. Jones  
Secretary of State



March 2007-Vol. 1-Issue 1-page 2 of our newsletter featured an article on the folk art of Paul Seifert. One of the paintings shown was that of the Lemuel Cooper residence on Valley View Road. A reprint of the painting is shown below.

- Lemuel Cooper obtained a Land Patent on July 7, 1863, where he built a home for his family depicted in the below painting.
- William Jenewin obtained the deed to the land on February 6, 1894 for \$4,500.
- Alois Brickl purchased the farm on March 25, 1904 for \$13,500.
- Anton Brickl purchased the farm for \$10,000 on Jan. 12, 1916.
- Tony Jr. and his sister Anna farmed the land after their parents passed away.
- Presently owned by Greg & Tammy Alt.



**Paul A. Seifert. Residence of Lemuel Cooper, 1879. Watercolor, oil, and tempera on paper, 21 ½ x 28 inches. Collection of Howard and Jean Lipman  
Painting is the front of the farm buildings.**



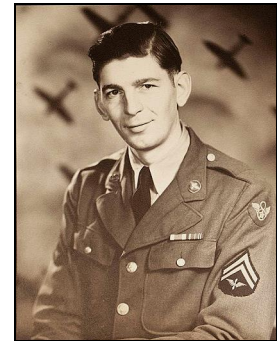
**Alois Brickl Farm (photo taken about 1906 or 1907)  
In 1927 Tony Brickl Sr. (son of Alois Brickl) built a new house. This photo is taken from the back of the farm buildings.**



**Alois & Justina (Bindl) Brickl  
Married Oct. 5, 1876**



**Anton & Anna (Lins) Brickl  
Married May 10, 1916**



**Tony Brickl, Jr.  
Served in England  
during WW II**