

6. John S. Roeseler to Rev. John Fritsche, June 13, 1898

[Translation]

Prairie du Sac, Wis. June 13, 1898

Dear Father in Law!

5 I bought 28 Lots here in  
Prairie du Sac from Mr. Clifford  
and sold him my Madison  
Lot for \$425<sup>00</sup> on top  
and for the rest that I  
still owe him, gave  
10 a 7% mortgage interest  
which I can  
pay at some time  
when Franzler and dürr  
want to pay off their notes.  
That way I would be willing to  
15 take that money sometime  
when the time is not yet  
up. It doesn't pay for  
me to only get 5%  
interest on my money  
20 when I have to pay  
7% myself.

Be so good and talk with  
them, maybe it would be  
agreeable to them to pay the money off.

25 We had a wet  
camp gathering.  
Papa was very seriously sick  
so that we feared the worst  
but he  
30 is now well on the way to recovery  
today he was already

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up a bit and so he will  
hopefully be quickly  
healthy again.  
35 Have you received the drafts  
that I sent? I  
am a little confused with the money  
would you be so good and

40 help me clear it up  
because I am very overwhelmed  
with business and have not  
had the time to think about the thing  
and now that I have had a bit more  
45 time, I thought more about  
it and I came to the conclusion that  
I must owe you more interest.  
Be so good and let me know  
50 if the following is correct.  
On the \$400 note, which is due in June,  
you have waived the interest from the 11th  
of December 1896 to the 11th of June 1897  
and so I would have owed you  
55 \$24<sup>00</sup> interest on the 11th of June 1898 for  
this note, which I have sent.  
The other note was  
written for 15 months from the 11th of December 1896  
until the 11th of March 1898. On this note I have sent  
60 you the Mühleis note on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Jan 1898  
in exchange and then you paid me \$100  
on top of it and sent the entire  
interest. On this note I would have  
owed you \$26<sup>00</sup> interest on January 11th

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65 which you should have  
held back, but you did  
not keep that money back.  
So I would owe you according to my  
calculation this \$26 still.<sup>33</sup> (until the 16th of Jan.)

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If this is how things are,  
I ask you to please forgive  
that I made this mistake  
You led me to it  
75 because when we switched  
out the notes that time, you  
did not immediately keep back  
the interest. I can understand  
how you calculated it.  
80 Or maybe you calculated  
that the note was supposed to  
run until the 11th of March when the  
15th months were up then

85 I would, of course, owe you  
even more. Then it would make it  
\$32<sup>00</sup> interest instead of \$26<sup>33</sup>

I ask that you let me know  
which of the above is right according to  
your calculation. You can  
90 believe me that I did not have the  
intent to make this mistake.  
I want to make it right as soon  
as I am clear about it.

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I gave you the Mühleis note  
95 when I am not mistaken  
but I have forgotten what we  
discussed about what to do with  
your note. Do you still have it in  
your possession or has it been  
100 destroyed.

I would like to have these  
things cleared up so that further  
misunderstandings can be  
avoided.

105 Sarah is not feeling quite  
well, but we have a maid now  
so that Sarah can rest and take  
care of herself  
hopefully you are all well  
110 and can make a visit to us.

With greetings,  
yours John S. Roeseler