



Highlands Heritage Regional Park Notes

Land Patent records show Johan Welte as the original owner with the Land Patent issued on Nov. 19, 1887. It is curious that a John Beat Welte obtained a Land Patent in the same Section on May 11, 1892. Research suggests that Johan Welte and John Beat Welte were the same person. Johan Welte doesn't appear in census records, but John Welte does. The only public reference to Johan Welte was a newspaper account of a family birthday party. Similar family accounts show that Johan and John were born in October and possibly in the same year. John Welte was a well-known cheese maker.