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Berne (Ghost Town)

LOCATION: State HWY 57 and CR24, West Concord, MN 55985

STATUS: Private

TYPE: Historic, District

HISTORY: Berne is located north of Mantorville in Milton Township in a beautiful setting of hills and valleys, with a beautiful church towering above them. Berne was a Swiss settlement having a school, store, and sawmill all surrounded by farms. A post office was established in 1858 and discontinued in 1902. The first log cabin was built in 1854 and grew to about twenty families. Mar Luchsinger operated a ferry with a team of mules, which transported the wheat in wagons across the river. The village was named for Berne, Switzerland, but was originally named Buchanan in honor of President Buchanan until they learned of another Buchanan.

OTHER RESOURCES:

<https://www.dodgecountyhistorical.org/>

PROPERTY PICTURES:



Berne sign, 2021



Berne Swissfest, 1981 Courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society



Berne Swiss Settlement, 1973 Courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society