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Br JOSEPH TIMMER

8 March 1867 – 26 September 1927



Br Timmer was born in Cleve, in the German Rhineland and trained as a blacksmith before entering the Society in 1892. He arrived in Chishawasha in 1896 and for the next twenty years used his skills at the mission as well as in other places. He repaired wagons in Empandeni, made window frames for the sisters' convent in Chishawasha and set up a 'wind meter pump' at Monte Cassino. These are only a few examples of his widespread practical work on the mission. Whatever he was doing, he took care to train the young men who worked with him. The photo of his workshop in Chishawasha speaks louder than words but it is clear he wanted to pass on his skills to his co-workers.