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President's Message

I am sitting at my typewriter just thinking of all the chores which need to be done. On June 22 I reached the big "60." I have been thinking back to all the good and bad times in my life and of all the good memories. One of those fond memories was how mother would sit and talk about her family history and genealogy. One story was of how her great-grandfather James Scott made the trip by horse and wagon from Trumbull County, Ohio to Wells County, Indiana and how he and his wife toiled in the wheat fields, harvesting the grain among the tree stumps. Her grandmother resided on the family homestead. Mother would visit her as a young girl. Mother had memories of going into the "Spring House" to taste the milk or get something to eat from the food that had to be kept in a cool place. "Vittles" was the word used sometimes in reference to food. In the early years, a number of farmsteads had a "Spring House" where vittles, milk, and cream were stored. The brick "Spring House" that James Scott built is still standing on the former Scott homestead. I have a photo of the old barn with some of the family members and a horse and buggy in front of it. This is a typical photo scene from that era.

This is why our photo gallery collection is so valuable and meaningful. The collection tells a story of life in an earlier day and provides images we can relate to when doing genealogy. The photo project is finally completed as far as the indexing and cataloguing of the photos is concerned. A great big "thank you" to Barb
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Reverend Mather to Address Besancon Historical Society

On Saturday, August 28, at 9:30 a.m. the Reverend George Mather will address the Besancon Historical Society in the Conference Room in the parish office building. The Reverend Mather is a native of New Jersey where he was graduated from Princeton University and Princeton Theological Seminary. He has served as a Presbyterian pastor in Fort Wayne since 1971. He is the author of Frontier Faith, a history of the pioneer congregations in Fort Wayne, and is an expert on the life and times of Father Benoit, the builder of the Cathedral. All Society members and their guests are urged to attend Reverend Mather's presentation.

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President's Message Continued

Gorney, Judith Schroff and Jeff Hoffman. These three have worked hard and put in long hours to complete this project. Also, a big "thank you" to Judith Schroff and Theresa Martin for purchasing folding photo screens used for displaying photos. We cordially invite the public to visit the "Gladieux/Lomont" Photo Gallery to view this wonderful collection. The gallery hours are 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday. Orders for copies of the photos may be submitted at the gallery.

Our "Open House" held on May 23 was a great success. Refreshments were served to our guests, and we thank St. Louis parish for the use of the kitchen facilities and the extra space on the first floor of the office building. It was so well received that the Society plans to have a "Thanksgiving Tea/Gallery Showing" later this Fall. Watch for the announcement.

The Society participated in Monroeville Days on July 4th. The photo screens were displayed in a booth maintained by the Society. Theresa Martin made the arrangements for the event. Thank you, Theresa. What a great Secretary!

The Old Cemetery of St. Louis has been reprinted, and the books are now again available for purchase. The price is \$19.95 plus \$3.50 for postage and handling.

The Society has a nice collection of family genealogies and ancestral charts in the Pailloz/Isabey Library. We welcome anyone who wishes to do research and use the materials in the library. We thank those who have donated family genealogies to our library. The latest addition is the Havert Family/Descendants by Ralph Bowser.

In addition to our photo collection, we have on loan a few large portraits of our early ancestors.

These portraits include François Gladieux and his wife Mary F. Lomont which hangs in the Gladieux/Lomont Gallery; the fiftieth wedding anniversary photos of the Gladieux/Lomont and Townsend/Lomont families which are part of the photo collection; a photograph of Etienne Coulardot (on loan from the Lomont family) which hangs in the Pailloz/Isabey Library, and a photo of George Townsend and his wife Josephine Gladieux (on loan from Gene Yoquelet) which hangs in the Townsend Library. Anyone wishing to loan portraits to the Society for display should contact the President or the Secretary to make arrangements.

The Society was planning a trip to Besancon, France this Fall. The trip has, however, been postponed due to the costs involved. We apologize to the Mont Joye de Saint Louis, Mr. Marc Julliard, Mr. Georges Jeanney and to all others in Besancon who were to host our stay in Besancon. The trip will be rescheduled for the Spring of 2000. If you are interested in participating in this trip to France, you will have to submit a deposit of \$200 by January 1, 2000. Please contact me for additional details.

The Society is considering projects for the future. Some possibilities include the publication of a photo/genealogy book, the reading of tombstones in the new cemetery and the publication of a book based on the readings, exploring the avenues available for the restoration of the old cemetery, and copying and transcribing the baptismal and marriage records of St. Louis from 1905 to the present. The Society welcomes from its members any other suggestions for future projects.

The Society also appreciates suggestions and submissions for future issues of the Chronicles.

Gene

"Gene" Yoquelet

Upcoming in Future Issues of the Chronicles

- Identify the members of the French-American Society of Allen County. The Society has recently acquired a large photograph of the French American Society of Allen County at one of its annual meetings (circa 1911). Members of the Society will be asked to help identify individuals in this photograph
- The Chronicles will also publish photographs from The Society's collection to obtain the assistance of members of the Society in identifying as yet unidentified individuals.
- An illustrated article by Joan Jacquay Monnier on the Roussel Trip to Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1918 along the newly constructed Lincoln Highway.
- An article on the history of the town of Maples by Gladys Lomont
- Genealogies of the following families: Marc Pepe/Frene, August Pepe/Grosjean, Joseph Pepe/Couturier

Calendar

28 August "Frontier Faith" Speaker: George Mather

25 September Business Meeting

27 November

9:00 a.m. Business Meeting and election of officers

11:30 a.m. Luncheon at Hall's Village of Coventry

PLEASE ATTEND!

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