

Besançon Trip a Success!!

Joan Jacquay Monnier has had a dream, a lifetime dream. She has dreamed of visiting the churches, small villages, cemeteries and meeting the people of her heritage. This summer Joan, her daughter, Sandy Monnier, and five other members of the Besançon Historical Society spent almost two weeks visiting the "French Jura" region of Switzerland and the French Comté region. Under the direction of Gene Yoquelet the trip was success. The group included: **Joan Johnson, Michael and Martha Gladieux, Evelyn Geiger, Joan and Sandy Monnier and Gene Yoquelet.**

The ties between Besançon, USA and Besançon, France were strengthened when the group meet and were hosted by **Georges Jeanney** and a selected group from the Montjoye Association of Saint Louis Church in Besançon, France. Mr. Jeanney is the CEO of DIMECO from Besançon, France and while on business in Chicago in 1997 he heard of a little town in Indiana with the same name. He rented a car and drove across the state to see for himself if the place existed. He was welcomed by **Agnes Hart**, the principal of the Saint Louis Academy, and enjoyed visiting classes and meeting the children. Many of them were 6th and 7th generation with Franc-Comtois names. A correspondence grew and when members of the Besançon Historical Society expressed interest in a trip Mr. Jeanney was gracious to offer much hospitality.

The River Doubs forms a loop around Besançon and it is surmounted by a famous citadel on one of the seven hills that encircle the city. It was recently named the "greenest city in France" and has many gardens and parks the group enjoyed. The tour began with a reception given in their honor by the Lieutenant Mayor of the city at City Hall.

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Left to right: Gene Yoquelet, Michael and Martha Gladieux, Joan Johnson, Georges Jeanney, Sandy Monnier, Joan Monnier, and Evelyn Geiger. Photo taken at reception at City Hall.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I reflect back on our recent group tour to Switzerland and France - and yes, the two countries are truly unique and picturesque, and the history of each one of these two seems almost unreal to our minds. You truly realize just how young our country is compared to others. When you get off the plane - it's like another time zone and world; it's like - time is standing still. The old has not caught up with the new or refuses to do so. The people are truly unique - they know how to connect and converse with their neighbors. They are more interested in mankind than material things and wealth. Sad to say, but we Americans can surely learn a great deal from our European cousins.

But, I cannot help but to be pleased and proud that our emigrant forefathers had the courage and desire to emigrate and to settle in this great country, America! Our freedom of making choices, and our type of government, both on the local and national level cannot be compared to any other. Our type of government has a separation of "Church and State". And we must be thankful to our forefathers for this foresight. In both Switzerland and France, in many regions, the government now has control over the church; especially ones with historical value. The attendance of churches by the local people within the communities are so small in number that maintaining such buildings by the people is almost impossible. Likewise, parochial schools are not to be found. We have the choice and privilege of having such schools.

Members from the tour came back with a better understanding of the Swiss and French people, and the cultural differences. The people of "French Comte" region are warm and friendly, and just as eager to learn about us as we are about them. Our host in Besançon, **Mr. Georges Jeanney** and the people from the Montjoye Association of Saint Louis was most hospitable.

And, yes, a bond was formed between the two associations.

Donors to the "HISTORICAL PLAQUE FUND" Saint Louis Besançon are the following: Alma Gevers, Dennis Donovan, Sue Parnin Garr, Barbara Lomont Broach, Eleanor VanHorn, Gladys Nail Lomont, Duane Sutter, Phillip and Tamyra Jauregui, Carlton and Charlotte Giant, Gene and Shirley Yoquelet. Total cost of the "plaque was \$238.00. We now have a balance of \$80.00 that needs to be cleared from the initial cost. I wish to thank each of you who have already made a donation towards this project. Our subscribers/members who wish to still make a donation, please do so.

Two important meetings are coming up so please check your calendars: **Saturday, November 25, Besançon Historical Society, 9:00 A.M.** The speaker will be Gene Yoquelet and the topic will be the future of the society, its growth, events and projects for the coming year, 2001. On **Wednesday, December 6, at 10:00 A.M.** the **Besançon Historical Society** will celebrate Christmas at the archives and a buffet luncheon.

As always, I invite and encourage our subscribers to make suggestions and feel free to submit articles and genealogies.

Sincerely, Gene

MISSION of The Besançon Historical Society

ARTICLE II - SECTION 2:

The mission of the Besançon Historical Society of East Allen County is to preserve, interpret, and foster a deeper understanding of the history, heritage, and culture of the rural community known as Besançon, Indiana, generally located in Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana, and which has as its central focus, Saint Louis Catholic Church.

Established: 1994

GEANT - GIANT HISTORY and GENEALOGY

In this issue we continue with the families of the Besançon area of Jefferson Township, Allen County. research. Contributing to this article: Joan Jacquay Monnier and Eugene Yoquelet.

Generation No. 1

1. **JEAN PIERRE¹ GEANT** was born in Rougemont; Dept. Haute Rhin, France. He married **ANASTASIA SALLIER**. She was born in Rougemont; Dept. Haute Rhin, France.

French emigration records dated 24 February 1840 list the members of eight families who applied for passports to emigrate from France to America. All eight families were from the town of Rougemont, Department of Haut Rhin, France. The men whose names were given in the records were all born in Rougemont and were farmers. (Register #7, lines 1351 - 1358) NOTE: Presently Rougemont is known as Rougemont Le Château and is located in the Department of the Territoire de Belfort.

- Line #1351 **Jean Pierre MOULIN**, age 52, with wife and six children
- Line #1352 **Jean Pierre PETITJEAN**, age 30, with wife and three children
- Line #1353 **Pierre LAMBELIN**, age 42, with wife and six children
- Line #1354 **Jean Claude DUPONT**, age 61, with two children
- Line #1355 **Jean Pierre GEANT**, age 35, with wife and three children
- Line #1356 **Pierre MOULIN**, age 24, with wife and (one or two) children
- Line #1357 **George BLANC**, age 47, with wife and four children
- Line #1358 **Jean Claude DUPONT**, age 29, with wife and one child

Their stated destination was Philadelphia. However, three of the eight families: the two Dupont families and the Geant family arrived at the Port of New York on 9 June 1840 on the ship Robert Parker. The Ship Master was **William L. Dwight** who signed his name to the ship's manifest which included 195 passengers from Bavaria, Hesse, Wurtemberg, Suisse (Switzerland) and France.

The Dupont and Geant families are listed together on the manifest as follows: **Laio (or Saio) Dupont 28, Jean 30, Marg 30, Jean 60, Marie 25, Jean Geant 30, Jean 11, Marie 9, Marg 25, Louise 2, Marg 2.**

Child of **JEAN GEANT** and **ANASTASIA SALLIER** is:

- 2. i. **JEAN PIERRE² GEANT**, b. January 01, 1805, Rougemont; Dept. Haute Rhin, France.

Generation No. 2

2. **JEAN PIERRE² GEANT (JEAN PIERRE¹)** was born January 01, 1805 in Rougemont; Dept. Haute Rhin, France. He married **MARGUERITE DUPONT**. She was born December 13, 1807 in France.

Notes for **JEAN PIERRE GEANT**:

Immigration record - **JOHN PETER GEANT**, declared, 1 July 1853 native of France, b., 1 Jan 1805 emb. Le Havre, 1 Apr 1840, arr. N.Y., NY 25 May 1840. Book 1 p. 597 Allen County, Indiana

Notes for **MARGUERITE DUPONT**:

Marguerite (Dupont) Geant is first listed in the 1860 census of Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana. She is recorded in the 1868 "Register" of Saint Louis Catholic Church, Besançon.

Children of **JEAN GEANT** and **MARGUERITE DUPONT** are:

- 3. i. **JACQUES³ GIANT**, b. June 05, 1830, France; d. December 14, 1913, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana.
- ii. **MARIE GEANT**, b. June 01, 1830; m. **JEAN PIERRE MONNIER**, October 04, 1847, Louisville, Ohio.
Interment:: St Louis, Besançon Cemetery
- iii. **LOUISE GEANT**, b. Abt. 1838, France.

- iv. **JOSEPH GEANT**, b. May 1842, Stark County, Ohio.
Baptism: May 1842, by **Rev. DeGoesbriand**, St. Louis, Louisville, Ohio
- v. **FRANCIS GEANT**, b. May 1845, Stark County, Ohio.
Baptism: May 1845, by **Rev. DeGoesbriand**, St. Louis, Louisville, Ohio.

Generation No. 3

3. JACQUES³ GIANT (*JEAN PIERRE² GEANT, JEAN PIERRE¹*) was born June 05, 1830 in France, and died December 14, 1913 in Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana. He married **CATHERINE MONNIER** May 06, 1852 in Louisville, Ohio.

Notes for JACQUES GIANT:

Jacques Giant arrived in America, May 25, 1840 in New York and citizenship declared, on July 1, 1853 in Allen County, Indiana. He is first listed in the 1860 census of Jefferson Township, Allen County, page 618, #1265 line 37. He is recorded in the 1868 "Register" of St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon.

Notes for CATHERINE MONNIER:

The surname of "Monnier" is listed as "Miller" in the Stark County, Ohio records.

Interment:: St. Louis, Besançon Cemetery

Children of JACQUES GIANT and CATHERINE MONNIER are:

- 4. i. **JOSEPH⁴ GIANT**, b. October 02, 1856, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. October 19, 1934, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana.
- ii. **FRANCIS GIANT**, b. 1858, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. April 29, 1881, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana.
Interment: St. Louis, Besançon Cemetery
- iii. **JACQUES GIANT**, b. January 13, 1862, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. December 28, 1952, Allen County, Indiana; m. **MARY ELIZABETH GIRARDOT**, May 27, 1886, Allen County, Indiana.
Interment: IOOF Cemetery, New Haven, Indiana

Generation No. 4

4. JOSEPH⁴ GIANT (*JACQUES³, JEAN PIERRE² GEANT, JEAN PIERRE¹*) was born October 02, 1856 in Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana, and died October 19, 1934 in Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana. He married **MARY LOUISE EVARD** December 05, 1878 in Saint Louis Catholic Church, Besançon, daughter of **HENRY EVARD** and **SOPHIA DUBOIS**. She was born September 15, 1856 in Allen County, Indiana, and died June 12, 1946 in Allen County, Indiana. Interment: St. Louis, Besançon Cemetery

Children of JOSEPH GIANT and MARY EVARD are:

- i. **MARIE EUGENIA⁵ GIANT**, b. August 1879; d. June 27, 1956; m. **JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY**, November 22, 1900, Saint Louis Catholic Church, Besançon. Interment:: St. Rose Cemetery, Monroeville, Indiana
- ii. **HELEN REBECCA GIANT**, b. February 05, 1881, Allen County, Indiana; d. September 24, 1955, Allen County, Indiana; m. **ALBERT E. LOESCH**, April 25, 1905, Allen County, Indiana.
Interment:: St. Louis, Besançon Cemetery
- iii. **FRANCIS LOUIS GIANT**, b. September 19, 1883, Allen County, Indiana; d. July 11, 1910, Allen County, Indiana.
- iv. **NICHOLAS HENRY GIANT**, b. July 17, 1884, Allen County, Indiana; d. September 08, 1885, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana. Interment:: St. Louis, Besançon Cemetery
- v. **AUGUST ELIAS GIANT**, b. October 15, 1885, Allen County, Indiana; d. February 24, 1956, Allen County, Indiana; m. **HENRIETTA C. BOYLE**, June 20, 1911, Allen County, Indiana.
Interment:: St. Louis, Besançon Cemetery
- vi. **MARIE ELISA (ELIZABETH) GIANT**, b. August 02, 1887, Allen County, Indiana; d. December 07, 1968, Fort

Wayne, Allen County, Indiana; m. **GEORGE D. GIBSON**, June 24, 1908, Allen County, Indiana.
Interment:: St. Rose Cemetery, Monroeville, Indiana

vii. **ANNE AGNES GIANT**, b. April 05, 1889, Allen County, Indiana; d. May 25, 1943, Allen County, Indiana; m. **CLEMENT A. GERBER**, May 25, 1943, Allen County, Indiana.

viii. **MARIAM LENORE GIANT**, b. March 21, 1891, Allen County, Indiana; m. **RINK JAAP**.

ix. **JOSEPH ALFRED GIANT**, b. December 18, 1892, Allen County, Indiana; d. May 22, 1963, Allen County, Indiana; m. **CLOCIANA (CLEO) I. MYERS**, October 22, 1913. Interment:: St Louis, Besançon Cemetery

x. **CHRISTINE GIANT**, b. December 25, 1894, Allen County, Indiana; d. December 09, 1896, St. Louis, Interment: : Besançon Cemetery.

xi. **CLARA IRMA GIANT**, b. August 11, 1897, Allen County, Indiana; d. 1968; m. **EDWARD PROEGLER**, February 07, 1925, Allen County, Indiana. Interment:: St. Louis, Besançon Cemetery

xii. **IRENE ANITA (NETTIE) GIANT**, b. April 18, 1900, Allen County, Indiana; d. 1939; m. **ERNEST LOUIS JACQUAY**, January 13, 1920, Saint Louis Catholic Church, Besançon; b. May 07, 1900; d. September 04, 1956.
Interment:: St. Louis Besançon Cemetery

Giants celebrate 60th Anniversary



Carlton & Charlotte Giant

Carlton M. and Charlotte L.(Smith) Giant of Ternet road, Monroeville celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with Mass at St. Louis Besançon Catholic Church. They were married May 25, 1940 at Saint Rose de Lima Catholic Church, Monroeville. They are the parents of Nancy Canull of Zionsville, Jacque Mann of Toledo, O., Jeannine Phillips of Ft. Wayne, Stan Giant of Oakbrook, Ill, Beth Kline of Monroeville and Michelle Thomas of Ft. Wayne. They have 20 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Carlton retired from the Allen County Schools after 45 years and Charlotte is a homemaker.

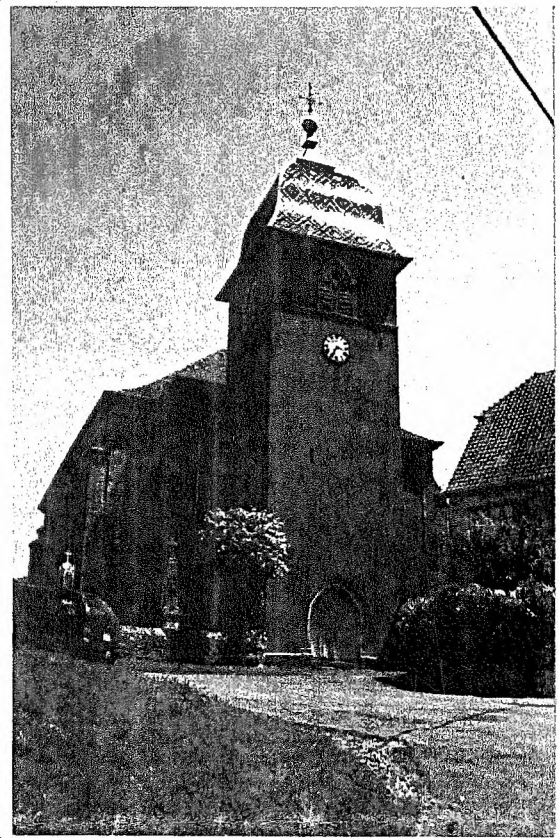
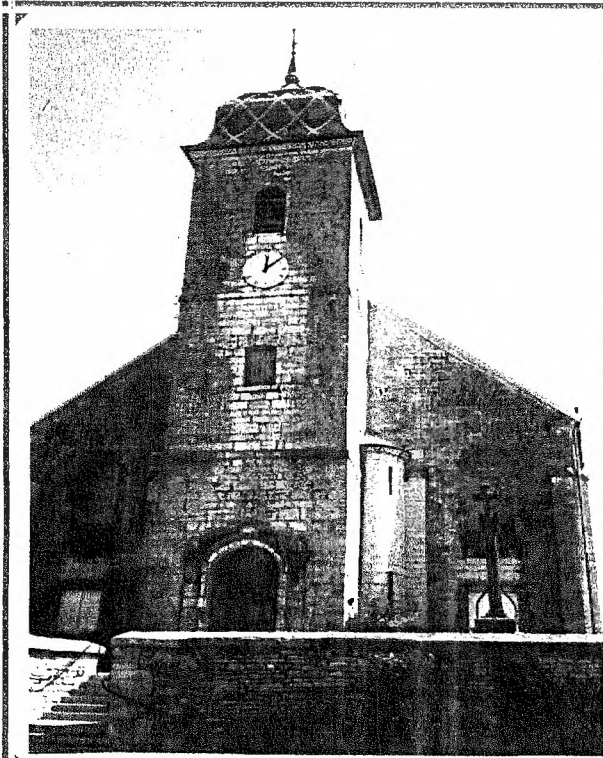
Joseph Alfred and Cleo (Myers) Giant were Carlton's parents.

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The Association Montjoye de Saint Louis and its' president: **Mr. Jean Mille**, along with **Mr. Marc Juilliard** , **Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Deliore** of Saint Louis parish received the group from Saint Louis de Besançon, Indiana and gave a warm and friendly welcome. A bond was formed between the two associations that will continue to grow.

The group toured a number of small villages, churches and cemeteries in the French Compte region where a large number of our ancestors once lived. They also spent some time in Switzerland. Many of the original settlers in Allen county were from the area of Switzerland that borders on Doubs, and were French speaking.

The members brought back enough memories for many years to come. We thank them in sharing a few of these pictures with us, and we will enjoy hearing of their journey to our ancestors' home time and time again.



Saint Madeleine Church (above)
Courchaton, France.

A number of emigrants left this parish of Saint Madeleine to settle in Stark County, Ohio and later in Allen County, Indiana. The names found in the **Rev. Charles Banet** book : "Courchaton, Dept of La Haute Saone", 1670 - 1852 were translated, indexed, and edited in 1980. They include baptismal, marriage, and death registers for the Catholic parish of St. Madeleine and the civil Registers at Courchaton. Some of names for St. Madeleine were: **Chevillot, Girardot, Gremaux, Huguenard, Isabey, Sordelet.**

To the left is the **Saint Privat Church** in Arsey, France. At one time you would find the names of **Banet, Martin, Rondat and Perrey** in the parish records.

**ZULU
area
FAMILY
NAMES
in
1915**

**TOWNSEND
MONNOT
GLADIEUX
GIANT
TERNET
GIRARDOT
COULARDOT
LOTHAMER
COMMENT
DODANE
VENDERLEY
OBERLEY
VOIROL
DAGER
GREMAUX
CHEVILLOT
YOQUELET
REVILLE
BONJOUR
GIRARD
PIO
ROUSSEY
URBINE
CAYOT
BANDELIER
BEAUCHOT
MARTIN
RENIER
LORAIN
CHAOSSE
BERTHAUD
LOURAINE
MONNIER
ROSE
CERTIA**

friends of Besançon.....

Many thanks to **LOIS TERNET**, editor for the *Monroeville News*, for the wonderful article she did on the Besançon group trip!! This was featured in the Wednesday, August 9, 2000 edition with many pictures of the group. Lois is a member of the Besançon Historical Society.

A special welcome to new members: **DUANE SUTTER**, 13612 Tillman Road, Ft Wayne, IN 46816, **KAREN SINGER** 2326 Skyview Lane, Laramie, WY 82070, **GERALD BEGUE**, 1326 Bunker Hill Pl, Ft Wayne, IN 46825 and **TAMYRA and PHILLIP JAUREGUI**, 2270 County Road #28, Waterloo, IN 46793. 'Jerry' is researching: **DIDIER, BEGUE, CLOSSON** (of New Haven) and **REFFELT, MANIER, LANGARD, CASSO** and **LULEY** of Ft. Wayne. Phillip's maternal GGGGrandfather was **ALEXIS GERARDOT** whose name with his sons: **ANTONE, ALEXIS, LOUIS**, and **EDOUARD** (Phillip's GGGrandfather) is on the windows in Saint Louis. Tamyra wrote such a nice letter (*we like letters!*), explaining how they have visited the St. Louis cemetery and were able to find Alexis Girardat's tombstone. They are hoping to locate family pictures!! Karen is interested in the **MONNIER/GIANT** family.

A loving and heart-felt Happy Birthday to **GLADYS NAIL LOMONT** who was 97 years old on August 7th. Gladys is one of the founders of the Besançon Historical Society and instrumental in it's early stages. She is very active in the business and activities of the society today and a wonderful contributor to this publication!!

JOAN JOHNSON, a member of our society is trying to make connection with **PASCAL GLADOUX** by E-mail, but so far has had no luck. His E-mail address is reitoblat@aol.com and his mailing address is 21 rue Schlumderger, logement n 101 25000. If you are successful in making contact with this person, please call Joan at (219) 485-5517

GENE YOQUELET would like to expand his research on the **GIRARDOT/GERARDOT** families that have located outside the Allen County, Indiana area. He is particularly interested in the families that moved west. You may get in touch with Gene at the society's address.

CARLTON GIANT will be the representative of our society at the dedication of the plaque to Saint Louis Catholic Church that reads: "St. Louis, Besançon Historic District has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior, donated by the Besançon Historical Society".

The society will be sharing in a church choir concert at Saint Louis on Sunday, December 10, 2000 at 2:00P.M. entitled a **JOYEUX NOËL**

"We take for granted the very things that most deserve our gratitude".....Cynthia Qzich



FORT WAYNE and ALLEN COUNTY Directory for 1869 - 1870
(Fort Wayne: A.B. Cook, Jr., compiled and published, 1869)

The following was abstracted from the above directory by **Terri Gorney, CGRS**. All of those listed below lived in Jefferson Township and had a connection to the community of Besançon or Saint Louis Besançon Church. This directory listed: surnames, first names, occupation, whether they owned or rented their land, post office, the road on which they lived, and the distance from Fort Wayne.

Jefferson Township lies in eastern Allen County, Indiana. It is bounded by Milan to the north, Jackson to the east, Madison to the south, and Adams to the west. The surface is generally level, with a few good ridges of excellent land. It is well timbered in the eastern part of the township. The streams are abundant in fish, and there are traces of beaver in many of the creeks. The Maumee River flows through the north western part of the township. The Wabash and Erie canal, and Toledo, Wabash, and Western Railroad pass through the northern and the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne, and Chicago Railway through the south eastern corner of the township. The township contains one Catholic Church (St. Louis Besançon) comprising of 103 families. The population of the township is rated as follows: 615 males; 512 females; total 1,127.

BACON, Samuel	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 2 miles south Van Wert road, 12 miles.
BAILEY, Francis	farmer, tenant, New Haven post office, Irish Ridge road, 10 miles
BARTO, Lewis	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 11 miles
BOITEUX, Francis	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 10 miles
BOLLIARD, Amos	farmer, owner, Maples post office, 1 mile north of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway, 12 miles
BOWERS, Lewis H.	farmer, carpenter, owner, New Haven post office, Gar Creek road, 8 miles
BOWERS, Mrs. Mary	owner, Monroeville post office, 1 mile south Van Wert road, 15 miles
BUSNOT, Baptiste	farmer, New Haven post office, Tiffin Railroad, 12 miles
BUSNOT, Charles	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Tiffin Railroad, 13 miles
COLARDOT, Stephen	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 2 miles east Van Wert road, 14 miles
COMMANT, Joseph	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Irish Ridge road, 13 miles
CONVERSAT, August	engineer, works with Henry C. Bowers
CONVERSAT, Frank	farmer, owner, Maples post office, 2 miles south Van Wert road, 10 miles
DATROT, Lewis	brickmaker, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 10 miles
DEGA, Alexis	farmer, tenant, New Haven post office 1/2 mile south Van Wert road, 9 1/2 miles
DELAGRANGE, Francis	farmer, tenant, New Haven post office, Irish Ridge road, 9 1/2 miles
DODINE, Frank	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1/4 mile north Van Wert road, 10 miles

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Fort Wayne and Allen County directory cont.

DODINE, Joseph	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 10 miles
DOUCOT, Felix	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 11 miles
FREN, Frank	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 12 1/2 miles
FREN, Prosper	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 12 1/2 miles
GERARD, John	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1/4 mile south Van Wert road 10 miles
GERARDOT, Alexander, Jr.	farmer, owner, Maples post office, 1 mile north Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway, 12 miles
GERARDOT, Alexander, Sn	farmer, owner, Maples post office, 1/2 mile north Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway, 12 miles
GERARDOT, Anthony	farmer, owner, Maples post office, Maples road, 10 miles
GERARDOT, Charles	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 3/4 mile south Van Wert road 10 miles
GERARDOT, Joseph	farmer, works for Alex Gerardot
GERARDOT, Jules	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Tiffin Railroad, 12 miles
GERARDOT, Louis	farmer, owner, Maples post office, Maples road, 10 miles
GIANT, Grank (?)	farmer, tenant, Maples post office, 2 miles south Van Wert road, 12 miles
GIANT, JACOB	farmer, tenant, Maples post office, 2 miles south Van Wert road, 12 miles
GLADIO, Frank	trustee, farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 13 miles
GLADIO, Lester	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 13 miles
GLADIO, Peter	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 13 miles
GRUMO, Mrs. Ursilla	widow, owner, New Haven post office, 1 mile east Van Wert road 13 miles
HUGUENARD, Felecien	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Irish Ridge road, 11 1/2 miles
HUGUENARD, Peter	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 12 miles
JAQUA, John B.	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1 1/2 miles south Van Wert road, 11 1/2 miles
JOLLEY, Charles M.	farmer, owner, Maples post office, on Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne, and Chicago Railway, 8 1/2 miles
KIO, Frank	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1 mile west Van Wert road, 13 miles
KLINE, Curtis	farmer, tenant, New Haven post office, 1/2 mile north of Toledo, Wabash and Western Railroad, 9 1/2 miles
KLINE, Eugene	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, works for Peter Ladig
KLINE, Frederick F.	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 2 miles south Van Wert road, 9 miles
LADIG, Jacob	farmer, owner, New Haven post office, lives with Peter Ladig

to be continued in the next issue.

***MEN and WOMEN FROM JEFFERSON TWP. WHO SERVED IN
W.W.II***

"Not gold, but only man can make A people great and strong; Men who for truth and honor's sake, Stand fast and suffer long..." Ralph Waldo Emerson, A Nation's Strength

ELI ADAMS
 HAROLD BANDELIR
 CHARLES BANDELIR
 FRANCIS BANDELIR
 ALBERT BANET
 CLIFFORD BEAHR
 FRED BEAHR
 RICHARD BEAHR
 BERNARD BECKSTEDT
 HOWARD BERMAN
 ARTHUR BERMAN
 FLOYD BITLER
 EDWIN BOLINGER
 MANFRED BOWERS
 WALTER BOWERS
 FRED BROWN (Japanese prisoner)
 JULIAN CONVERSE
 FLORANTO CHABARRIA
 LEO CHAUSSE
 GLENN CLEVINGER
 KENNETH CHAPMAN
 HERMAN CHAPMAN
 ROBERT CONRAD
 CLIFFORD COULARDOT
 EDWARD DAGER
 ANTHONY DeROSE
 NOBLE DINGER
 MARION DODANE
 WALTER DODANE
 ARTHUR DODANE
 NORMAN DOHRMAN
 VIRGIL FRANE
 MANFRED FRANE
 CHARLES FREDERICK
 JOSEPH GIANT
 JACOB GIANT
 WALTER GREMANX
 MANFRED GREMANX
 ROBERT HAKE
 CARL HELMS

RICHARD HUGHES
 ROBERT HUGUENARD
 VIRGIL HUGUENARD
 DONALD HUGUENARD
 ROBERT HUTSON
 ROBERT JACQUAY
 DONALD KIRACOFE
 ORVILLE KLINE
 ROBERT LEE (killed in action)
 WILLIAM LISH
 MANFRED LOMONT
 CLETUS LOMONT
 EDWARD LOMONT
 BERNARD LOMONT
 ROBERT LOMONT
 MONICA LOMONT
 CHARLES LOMONT
 JOSEPH LOTHAMER
 NORBERT MARTIN
 LEONARD MARTIN
 FREDERICK MARTIN
 CHARLES McINTOSH
 ROY MIDDLETON
 ROSS MIDDLETON
 JESSE MAY
 EUGENE MAY
 CLIFFORD MURFIELD
 PAUL NAHRWOLD
 LORENZ NAHRWOLD
 JOHN NAIL
 HAROLD OBERLEY
 GERALD OBERLEY
 DONALD OBERLEY
 RICHARD OBERLEY
 JOHN J. O'SHAUGHNESSY
 MELVIN PEPPLER
 KENNETH RADABAUGH
 DONALD REUILLE

cont. W.W.II Jefferson Men and Women

**GAYLORD ROTHGEB
LEE ROTHGEB
ROSS ROTHGEB
WAYNE ROTHGEB
LLOYD ROUGHGEB
DONALD ROTHGEB
RICHARD RORICK
DAVID RORICK
JAMES RORICK
EDNA RORICK
ROBERT RIDER
WILBUR ROUSSEL
FRED RICE
PAUL SCHARPENBURG
JAMES SCHRADER
VERN SCHMIDT
CLYDE SMITH
ROBERT THOMAS
HARRY THOMAS
EVAN THOMAS
GEORGE VACHON
EDWARD WELLING
REINHOLD WERLING
MILTON YOQUELET**

contributed by Gladys Nail Lomont



PRIVATE ALBERT J. WEILEMAN

Battery 12 1st Regiment of Indiana Field Artillery. One of the first to be called in W.W.I. He lived where Mick and Jane Lomont live now. At that time it was a log house.

....from Gladys Nail Lomont

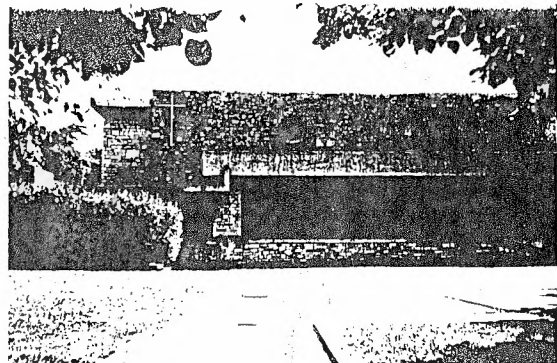
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**ST. LOUIS CHURCH IN
BESANÇON, FRANCE**



reflections.....

From NEW HAVEN TIMES, Thursday, January 18, 1895
contributed by Gladys Nail Lomont

Mr. Frank Gladio (sic) and Miss Jennie Girardot were united in marriage at Saint Louis Besançon Church in Jefferson Township Tuesday at 9 A.M. **The Reverend Father La Bonta** officiating. Both bride and groom are well known young people of Jefferson Township and have a host of friends wherever they are known.

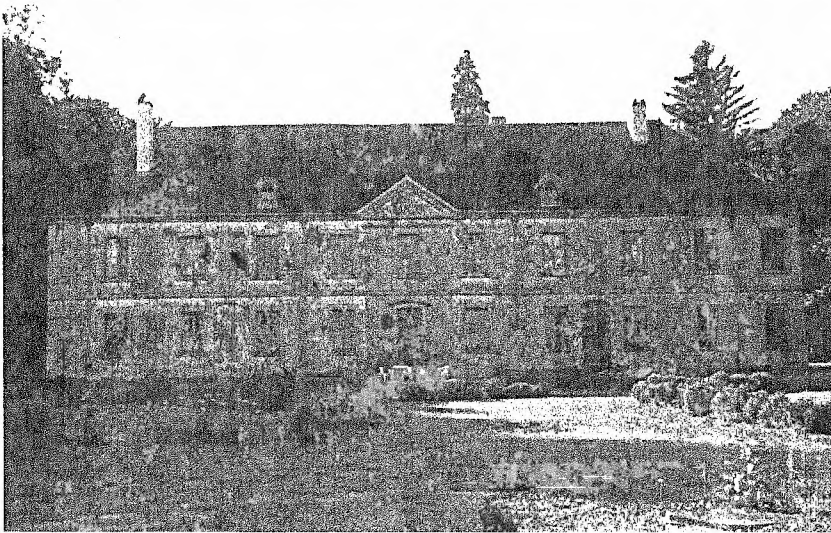
A large number of guests witnessed the ceremony and attended the reception, all enjoying a sumptuous wedding feast. The NEWS joins their many friends in extending congratulations. Following is a list of presents received by the happy couple.

A. Lomont and wife: a clock, **J. Beaugnot and wife:** a set of silver bowls and forks, **Edw. Gladio wife and daughter, Josephine:** a lamp, **Mrs. Pepe:** a clock, **Theodore Girardot:** a shaving set, **Mrs. A. Lallow:** a set of cups and saucers, **J. Laugrand and wife:** a set silver knives and forks, **Miss. LaBonte:** a set of cups and saucers, **Mrs. Celia Oddou:** a bread plate, **Miss R. Lomont:** a lamp, **G. Girardot and wife:** napkins and table cloth, **F. C. Gladio and wife:** napkins and table cloth, **F. Boitet and wife:** a pair of towels, **Miss. C. Lantenier:** towels and table cloth, **F. Lomont:** a pair of towels, **A. C. Cour and wife:** a table cloth, **Mrs. M. Delagrange:** a pair of towels, **E. Ternet and wife:** a chenille stand cover, **F. Mair:** a chenille stand cover, **Mrs. P. Lomont:** lace pillow shams, **Geo Townsend and wife:** towels, **Narcie Coulardot:** a pair of towels, **Louis J. Gladio and wife:** a pair of towels, **Miss. C. (L ?) Lomont:** a pair of towels, **Louis S. Gladio and wife:** a bedspread, **Miss Ida Gladio:** a bedspread, **J. Benet:** a set of goblets, **Misses Stella and Nora Gladio:** a water pitcher, **Fred Bowerly and wife:** 2 cracker dishes, **Mrs. J. Benet:** 2 fruit plates, **Miss Alene and John Sordelet:** a water set, **Louis Yoquelet:** a set of cups and saucers and \$1, **Mrs. G. Townsend:** \$1, **Mrs. C. Girardot:** \$1, and **A. Gladio and wife:** 2 sauce dishes and 1 fruit dish.

BESANÇON NEWS from the *Journal Gazette* November 26, 1913

Mrs William Frame and Miss Mildred Holmes were visitors at the **Joseph Boitet** home Sunday afternoon.....**Mr and Mrs Edward Lomont and family** and **Mr and Mrs Joseph Converset and family** spent Sunday with **Mr and Mrs William Rorick and family**.....**Miss Etta Linden** of New Haven visited with **Miss Lucy and Pearl Jacquay** Saturday evening and Sunday.....**Mr Clem Giant** of Monroeville spent Saturday evening and Sunday with **Mr Clarence Renille**.....**Mr August Pepe** was a caller in New Haven Friday.....**Mr and Mrs William Pio and Grandma Myers** spent Sunday with **Mr and Mrs William Hugeunard**.....**Mr and Mrs Jacob Hankel** entertained a large crowd of young people at their home Saturday evening. The following were present: **Mr and Mrs Cary McIntosh and son**, **Mr and Mrs John Rushart**, **Mrs Louis Pabst**, and **Misses Bertha, Emma, and Mary Fiedler**, **Minnie, Marie and Sophia Fretch**, **Miss Amelia Grime**, **Bertha Kennerk**, **Lizzie Hoppner**, **Amelia Hankle**, **Cathryn Hankle**, **Nora Zink**, **Miss Lepper and Mabelle Boitet**, **Mr Arthur and Clarence Yoquelet**, **Louis Renille**, **Clem Gladieux**, **Herman Ternet**, **Albert Weileman**, **George Hankle**, **Albert Wesling**, **Edwin Horman**, **Christ and Carl Zink**, **Joseph and John Ryan**, **Elmer Bacon**, **Jack Schershel**, **Ralph Kothgeb**, **Edwin Fiedler**, **Otto Brackman** and **Gerald Beyer**.

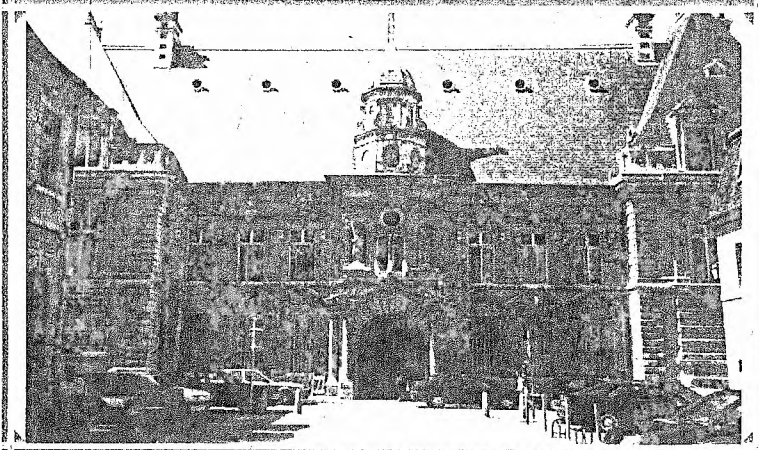
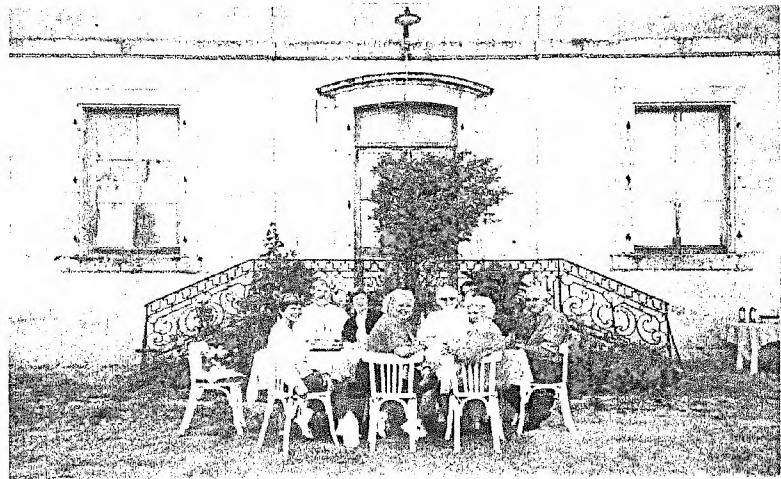
Besançon, France in pictures.....



**CHÂTEAU BELLE-
VAUX**

'The home away from
home' near Besançon
while
touring the
French Comté

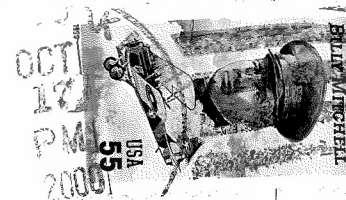
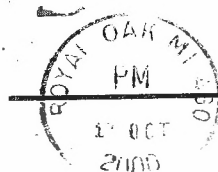
The group having dinner
in front of
Château Bellevaux,
located in the rural coun-
try side between Vesoul
and Besançon.



City Hall

Besançon, France where
the reception was held for
the seven Americans on
tour.

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We thank thee
For this place in which we
dwell;
For the peace accorded us
this day,
For the hope with which we
expect tomorrow; For the
health, the work, the food
And the bright skies that
make our lives delightful,
For all our friends in all parts
of the earth, and our friendly
helpers....

Let peace abound in our
small company.
*Robert Louis Stevenson, A
Prayer of Thanksgiving.*



*You are cordially invited to attend
an
BESANÇON JOYEUX NÖEL
ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH
10 DECEMBER 2000
2:00 P.M.*

*Presented by the adult choir under the
direction of Rita Brueggeman,
Jane Lomont, organist*

*"how early French settlers celebrated
Christmas"*

*Refreshments will be served
free will offering for the choir and
Besançon Historical Society*