



THE HISTORY OF ST. LOUIS ACADEMY

No school records exist prior to 1900 where St. Louis Church maintained a school for the children of the parish. It was under the pastorate of **Rev. F. X. Labonte**, that six acres of land was purchased from **Francois Boitet**, on September 1, 1897 and a school was built as well as a dwelling for the Sisters. The school was opened in 1900 under the patronage of "Saint Joseph", and the Sisters of St. Agnes were in charge of the school.

It is not known for how long the Sisters of St. Agnes remained at St. Joseph, but the school closed after a few short years. On September 3, 1910 the **Rev. Michael Louen** opened the school with three Sisters of Notre Dame in charge and 66 pupils in attendance.

On January 29, 1915 a fire of unknown origin destroyed both the frame school building and the sisters' house. The school did not close, but instead the students were moved into the rectory with the good pastor moving into the summer kitchen of a **Mrs. Pio**, who lived across the highway. Tables, boxes, sewing machines anything that had height was used as desks, and the following Tuesday after the fire, classes resumed. When school closed for summer vacation, the sisters stayed at St. Mary's during the rebuilding, and on October 4, 1915 with three teachers and 116 students the school began classes.

The new building was dedicated on Thanksgiving Day, 1915 under the name of Saint Louis Academy. Three Sisters of Notre Dame taught eight grades in three of the four classrooms, and the other room was used as a chapel at times. *continued on page 11.*



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Am I just getting older and the time going by just to quickly or am I not planning my time wisely? It seems as if I find myself running to catch up with the next month while still looking behind to see if I did miss anything from the previous month. This does get old after awhile!!

We locals in the society did manage to take a 'breather' somewhat last year, and it seemed good for a change. The two outstanding events by the society was the trip to France by a few members and the Christmas concert which was a joint effort by both the church choir and the society. The concert was a great success, and thanks to all the people who made it possible. Plus, it was fun and the refreshments were fantastic!

A recent meeting by the Board of Directors, January 2001, reached a decision that the society should limit itself to only two projects this year. The two projects are: the completion of reading/compiling the church baptismal/marriage records, and the reading the "new cemetery" of Saint Louis. Later, a committee will be formed and the main project for 2002 will be compiling a family genealogies with some photos into a book. This project will officially start the first of the year, 2002.

If you have not visited the archives recently, you will be surprised to find beautiful Anderson windows that open out. This creates a great deal of more light into the rooms plus the beautiful view of the immediate surroundings. Next step, you guessed it - plastering/painting around the windows and staining the woodwork. Any volunteers out there? Also, you will find the genealogy section moved into the "Townsend Library" room. More space was needed for research/history books in the "Pailloz/Isabey Library" room. This allows more room for doing research as well.

Enclosed in with the "Chronicle" newsletter you will find the program schedule for this year, 2001. I think the members of the Board have made a wonderful and interesting program for you to enjoy. Please come and be supportive.

Let's all try to make an extra effort to attend the monthly meetings. Carlton Giant, treasurer, promised to make homemade wine for us to take home if we can keep our attendance at twenty people each month. Now, I call that a challenge! And, I said, "to take home". The good 'Father' would not take to kindly if he found us still there on Sunday, sipping wine and trying to do genealogy — we would all end up in the 'confessional booth'.

Avez un bon ètè - have a good summer

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 know as Besançon, Indiana, generally located in Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana, and which has as its central focus, Saint Louis Catholic Church.

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DODANE HISTORY:
A BRIEF HISTORY AND ORIGIN OF THE FAMILY
BY RAYMOND DODANE OF BESANÇON, FRANCE

The **Dodane** Family comes from around Morteau in the French department of Doubs which is a few kilometers from the Swiss border. Around the year 1000, the Cluny Abbey which is very famous in France, received as a donation the **Val de Morteau** which was completely uninhabited and there were only large pine forests. To clear away the trees the monks hired some inhabitants of Besançon. One of these workers was called **Henryot** which was his Christian or first name, because in those days they did not have surnames.

Henryot built a farm at a place called "**Dodane les Mourlets**", because of the shape of the terrain. From the name Henryot "**de (of) Dodane**", only the **Dodane** has remained. Each generation of Dodanes had from 10 to 15 children as big families were very much honored at the time.

To make and confirm the family tree by more than just the simple oral tradition I had to go back first of all to 1792 which was quite easy because the civil register of births, deaths and marriages has existed in France since that date. For the period before that I had to refer to the baptism register kept by the priests at Montlebon which is the parish where the Dodane and Mourlet farms were situated. Before the creation of this parish the priors of the church of Morteau were listed. Only the priors knew how to read and write, and I might add, that they only wrote in Latin and the inhabitants of the valley of Morteau spoke a dialect that existed up until the 20th century.

The Val de Morteau belong to Franche-Comte and since 1150 the inhabitants of this area had tried to escape from the tutelar of the lords. Franche-Comte belonged to the kingdom of Charles V.,(1500-1558), emperor of Germany. In 1678 it was conquered by the King of France, Louis XIV.

In the middle of the 16th century, some members of the Dodane Family were converted to Protestantism and immigrated to Switzerland after the revocation of the Edit of Nantes. Tired of the revolution of 1789, of the Napoleon Wars and the revolution of 1830 and the apprehension of the revolution to come in 1848, another part of the family accompanied by several other families from the area migrated to the United States between the two revolutions of 1830 and 1848.....*courtesy of Gladys Nail Lomont*

DODANE HISTORY/GENEALOGY:

"Immigrants to America from France (Haut-Rhin Department) and Western Switzerland, 1859-1866": by: Clifford Neal Smith, author. This publication may be found in the Fort Wayne Allen County Public Library. The following list of French and Swiss emigrants have been abstracted from French governmental records and deposited at Clomar. They have been assigned identifying serial numbers (1 through 96) for indexing purposes.

List 02: List of French Emigrants, month of November, 1866. Commissariat de Police, Belfort, 30 December 1866.

LAMBLIN	Joseph,	M	27	farmer	28 Jul 1866	N.Y. (date of passport)
	from Rougemont					
MONTAVON,	Gustave	M	21	farmer	08 Aug 1866	N.Y. (date of passport)
	from Rougemont					
JUILLARD,	Emile	M	16	farmer	05 Aug 1866	N.Y. (date of passport)
	from Valentigny/Doubs					
JUILLARD,	Catherine	F	54	farmer	05 Aug 1866	N. Y. (date of passport)
	from Valentigny/Doubs					

List 59: List of Foreign Emigrants entering France, month of August, 1865. Commissariat de Police, Belfort, 30 Dec 1865.

DODANE,	Jean Pierre M	M	55	farmer	14 Aug 1865	N.Y.
	from Cerneux Godas/Canton Bern			date of passport		
DODANE,	Philomene	F	20	farmer	14 Aug 1865	N.Y.
	from Cerneux Godas/Canton Bern			date of passport		
DODANE,	Emile	M	17	farmer	14 Aug 1865	N.Y.
	from Cerneux Godas/Canton Bern			date of passport		
DODANE,	Constant	M	15	farmer	14 Aug 1865	N. Y.
	from Cerneux Godas/Canton Bern			date of passport		



The Dodane family place of origin is Fontenott, which is located in the region of Morteau; Dept Doubs, France. The parish church is at Montlebon. This village is just a few miles from Besançon, and about 30 miles from Arcey, home of the PEPE family. (from notes by **Father Charles Banet**). **Constant Dodane** sailed to America from Le Havre, 4/11/1838, on the ship "Hylan", and arrived at the Port of New York, June, 1838. The family went directly to the French Settlement of Louisville in Stark County, Ohio.

Microfilm Role #24 - Allen County Public Library: Ship Manifest: Left Le Havre Port, 4.11.1838
DODANE FAMILY, Constantin, age 61, Marie, age 51, Francis, age 24, Sezarie, age 23, Rosalie, age 21, Lenore, age 16, Jean, age 12, and Eugene, age 9.

(Note: There seems to be a controversy between the ages of Francois J. and Joseph Marcelline, I do not think Joseph M. is on the Manifest. Is it a possibility that he came prior to 1838? Eugene Yoquelet.)

Descendants of Constantin Dodane

Generation No. 1

1. **CONSTANT¹ DODANE** was born October 1776 in France, and died December 19, 1856 in Nimisillan Twp., Stark County, Ohio. He married **GENEREUSE (GENEROSA) FAVRET** in France. She was born Abt. 1786 in France, and died March 05, 1864 in Nimisillan Twp., Stark County, Ohio. Both are buried Nimisillan Twp., "Cemetery Inscriptions", Vol 2, pg 61, Stark County, Ohio.

Notes for **GENEREUSE (GENEROSA) FAVRET**:

The surname of **FAVRET** may be found spelled as Favire, Faveret, Favore and Faivere.

Children of **CONSTANT DODANE** and **GENEREUSE FAVRET** are:

- i. **FRANCOIS J.² DODANE**, b. October 07, 1814, region of Morteau, Dept Doubs, France; d. December 17, 1892, Allen County, Indiana; m. **MARY JUSTINE MONNOT**, April 15, 1849, Stark County, Ohio. **FRANCOIS** and **MARY JUSTINE MONNOT DODANE** are both buried in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, New Haven, Indiana
2. ii. **JOSEPH MARCELLINE DODANE**, b. February 02, 1815, region of Morteau; Dept of Doubs, France; d. 1875, Allen County, Indiana.
- iii. **CESAREA DODANE**, b. Abt. 1817, Fleure; Dept Doubs, France; d. March 28, 1895, Louisville, Ohio; m. **J. FELIX MIDEZ**, July 03, 1843, St. Louis Catholic Church, Louisville, Ohio.
Burial: Louisville, Ohio
- iv. **ROSALIE DODANE**, b. Abt. 1819, France.
Rosalie Dodane became a nun.
- v. **ELEANOR DODANE**, b. Abt. 1822, France.
- vi. **JEAN (JOHN) DODANE**, b. Abt. 1826, France.
- vii. **EUGENE DODANE**, b. Abt. 1829, France.

Generation No. 2

2. **JOSEPH MARCELLINE² DODANE (CONSTANT¹)** was born February 02, 1815 in region of Morteau; Dept of Doubs, France, and died 1875 in Allen County, Indiana. He married **CAROLINE PEQUIGNOT** June 08, 1846 in Canton, Ohio. She was born 1826 in France, and died July 26, 1867 in Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana.

Notes for **JOSEPH MARCELLINE DODANE**:

Immigration record - **DODANE, JOSEPH**, dec. 5 March, 1851. native of France, b. 2 Feb 1815, emb. Le Havre, 14 Mar 1837, arr. N.Y., 14 Apr. 1837. Allen County Public Library, Bk 1-P 353.

Joseph Marcelline Dodane, and his wife, **Caroline**, migrated to Allen County, Indiana and settled in Jefferson Township on a farm in section 16. They came to the Besançon before the St. Louis parish was established. The **DODANE** family was quite active in the early growth and development of the St. Louis Catholic Church. Their home was used on a number of occasions for the 'saying' of Mass. Between 1845 and 1846 **Father Bessonies** started to administer to the community Catholic families, and it was during this period that he began the erection of a frame church. Messrs. **C. F. Lomont** and **Joseph Dodane** bore the bulk of the expense of building, and **Frank Sallot** did the work.

Recorded in the 1868 "Register", and "Pew Register" with pew # 63, 1870-71, of St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon.

First listed in the 1850 census of Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana:

DODANE, Joseph, age 30, farmer France
Caroline, age 24, France

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1860 census of Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana

DODANE, Joseph, age 45 farmer, from France
Caroline, age 33 France
Francis, age 7 In.
Mary, age 6 In.
Phillominem, age 4 In.
Edward, age 2 In.
Joseph, age 7 mo In.

JOSEPH MARCELLINE DODANE and **CAROLINE PEQUIGNOT** are both buried in the St: Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besançon, Jefferson Twp., Allen County, Indiana

Children of **JOSEPH DODANE** and **CAROLINE PEQUIGNOT** are:

3. i. **FRANCOIS JOSEPH³ DODANE**, b. August 05, 1853, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. July 05, 1913, Allen County, Indiana; m: **MARY ARTEMISAE MONNOT**, July 1, 1875, Allen County, Indiana Burial St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besançon.
- ii. **MARY ROSE DODANE**, b. January 12, 1855, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. February 01, 1908; m. **EUGENE JOSEPH DELAGRANGE**, June 24, 1873, St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon by **Rev. Father P.F. Veniard**. Burial St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besançon
- iii. **PHILOMINE DODANE**, b. 1857, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. 1927, Allen County, Indiana; m. **HENRY REUILLE**, November 16, 1875, St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon by **Rev. Father G. Demers.**; b. 1851; d. 1925.
Henry and Philomine are both buried in the St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besançon, (new cemetery)
- iv. **EDWARD DODANE**, b. 1858, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. 1913, Allen County, Indiana; m. **JULIA G. MALCUIT**, November 07, 1882; b. 1861; d. 1944, buried St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besançon.
- v. **JOSEPH CHARLES DODANE**, b. 1860, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. 1933, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; m. **FLORA PEPE**, January 07, 1890, St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon by **Rev. Father P.F. Veniard**.
JOSEPH CHARLES DODANE and FLORA PEPE DODANE are both buried in St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besançon, (new cemetery)
- vi. **ROSELLA DODANE**, b. 1862, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. 1936; m. **JOANNIS BAPTISTE LANGARD**, May 08, 1883, St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon by **Rev. Father P.F. Veniard**.
- vii. **CAROLINE DODANE**, b. 1865, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. September 28, 1901; m. **LOUIS BEAUCHOT**, January 11, 1887, St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon by **Rev. Father P.F. Veniard**.
Witnesses at marriage:: **Jospeh Dodane and Emma Maria Dupont**
- viii. **LOUIS FRANCOIS DODANE**, b. July 21, 1867, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. September 06, 1867, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana. (His mother, Caroline Pequignot Dodane died shortly afterward).
Burial: St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besançon .

Generation No. 3

3. FRANCOIS JOSEPH³ DODANE (*JOSEPH MARCELLINE², CONSTANT¹*) was born August 05, 1853 in Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana, and died July 05, 1913 in Allen County, Indiana. He married **MARY ARTEMISAE MONNOT** July 01, 1875 in St. Louis Catholic Church, by **Rev Father A. Adam**. She was born May 25, 1854 in Allen County, Indiana, and died March 11, 1927 in Allen County, Indiana. Witnesses at marriage:: **Eugene Monnot, Charles Girardot and Julius Girard**. **FRANCOIS JOSEPH DODANE** and **MARY ARTEMISAE MONNOT** are both buried at St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besançon.

Children of **FRANCOIS DODANE** and **MARY MONNOT** are:

- i. **CAROLINE JULIA⁴ DODANE**, b. August 04, 1876, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. 1934, Allen County, Indiana; m. **JOHN RYAN**, April 09, 1893, St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon; b. 1854; d. 1943.
- ii. **LOUIS FRANCOIS DODANE**, b. February 16, 1878, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; m. **MARGARET E. MERRILLAT**, April 24, 1907.
- iii. **MARY LOUISE F. DODANE**, b. April 1880; m. **HENRY EDWARD GERARDOT**, October 17, 1899, St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon.
Burial: Ft. Wayne Catholic Cemetery

- iv. **CHARLES J. EUGENE DODANE**, b. February 11, 1882, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. June 11, 1937, Allen County, Indiana; m. **ALMA L. CORNEILLE**, August 14, 1906, Allen County, Indiana. Burial Ft. Wayne Catholic Cemetery.
- v. **EDWARD FRANCIS DODANE**, b. February 05, 1884, Jackson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. January 29, 1943; m. **LAURA RICHART**, May 13, 1912, Allen County, Indiana.
Burial: Ft. Wayne Catholic Cemetery
- vi. **AUGUST EUGENE DODANE**, b. January 28, 1886, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. February 08, 1953, m. **EFFIE OBERKISER**, November 28, 1918, Allen County, Indiana; b. 1893, Allen County, Indiana; d. April 1968, Allen County, Indiana.
AUGUST EUGENE DODANE and EFFIE OBERKISER are both buried in: IOOF Cemetery, New Haven, Indiana
- vii. **INFANT DAUGHTER DODANE**, b. August 20, 1888.
- viii. **MARIAM FRANCISCA DODANE**, b. August 30, 1889, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. 1939, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; m. **FRANCIS I. BROWN**, April 21, 1909, St. Louis Catholic Church; b. 1887, Allen County, Indiana; d. 1962, Allen County, Indiana.



FRANK JOSEPH DODANE 1853 - 1913
MARY ARTEMIS MONNOT DODANE 1854 - 1927

This picture is the courtesy of **Arlene Dodane Curts**. Frank Joseph and Mary Monnot Dodane were her Great-grandparents. She would like to know if anyone has a picture of Joseph Marcelline Dodane. There is none in the Archives.

Again, we ask you to search your photos we might use in upcoming issues. How exciting it is to see an ancestors' name or a school picture! It brings us all closer to our past.



FORT WAYNE and ALLEN COUNTY Directory for 1869 - 1870
(Fort Wayne: A.B. Cook, Jr., compiled and published, 1869)
continued from Issue 14, Winter, 2000

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 St. 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.

- LADIG, Nicholan** justice of the peace, owner, Maples post office, 1/2 mile north Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne, and Chicago Railway, 10 miles
- LADIG, Peter** farmer, owner, brickmaker, New Haven post office, 1 mile south Van Wert road, 8 miles
- LALLOT, Louis** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, New Have road, 7 1/2 miles
- LAMBOLY, James** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1/2 mile south Van Wert road, 12 miles.
- LOMONT, Alphonse** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Irish Ridge road, 12 miles
- LOMONT, Frank** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1/4 mile north Van Wert road 10 miles
- LOMONT, Zereffe** farmer owner, New Haven road, Irish Ridge road, 13 miles
- LORRAIN, John** farmer, owner, Maples post office, 2 miles south Van Wert Rd, 9 miles
- LORRAIN, Nicholas Sr.** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1 mile south Van Wert Rd, 10 1/2 miles
- LORRAIN, Nicholas Jr.** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1 mile south Van Wert Rd, 10 1/2 miles
- MANUEL, Joseph** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1 mile south Van Wert Rd 12 1/2 miles
- MONIER, John P.** farmer, owner, Maples, 2 miles south Van Wert Rd, 14 miles
- MONOT, Eugene** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1 mile south Van Wert Rd, 10 miles
- MONOT, L.F.** proprietor, saw mill, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert Rd, 13 miles
- MONTAVE, Peter** farmer, owner, New Haven Tiffin Railroad, 12 1/2 miles

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- MORELL, John B.** farmer, owner, Maples post office, on Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne, and Chicago Railway, 3 1/2 miles
- NULL, Daniel E.** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1 1/2 miles south Van Wert road, 9 miles
- NULL, George W.** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1 mile south Van Wert road, 8 1/2 miles
- NULL, Upton** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1/2 mile south Van Wert road, 8 1/2 miles
- OBERLE, Mrs. Mary** widow, owner, New Haven post office, 1 mile east Van Wert road, 14 miles
- PEPE, August** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 11 miles
- PEPE, Michael** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 11 miles
- PERIGE, Ferdinand** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1 miles south Van Wert road, 11 miles
- PETER, Jacob** farmer, tenant, New Haven post office, 1 mile south Van Wert road, 11 mile
- PETTYJOHN, Jacob** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1 1/2 miles south Van Wert road, 11 1/2 miles
- PINGENOT, Francis** farmer, owner, Maples post office, 2 miles south Van Wert road, 12 miles
- PIO, Jesse** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 12 1/2 miles
- PIO, Mary** widow, owner, New Haven post office, 1 mile south Van Wert road, 12 miles
- RORICK, James M.** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Irish Ridge road, 12 miles
- ROSE, Morris L.** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 2 miles south Van Wert road, 9 miles
- ROSEY,** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 2 miles south Van Wert road, 9 miles
- ROSSEY, August** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1/2 mile south Tiffin Railroad, 13 miles
- ROUSSEY, Felix** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1 mile south Van Wert road, 9 miles
- ROUSSEY, Frank** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1 1/2 miles north Van Wert road, 12 1/2 miles
- ROUSSEY, Xavier** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1/2 mile north Van Wert road, 12 1/2 miles
- ROY, Adolphos** farmer, owner, New Haven post office 1 1/2 miles north Van Wert road, 12 1/2 miles
- ROY, John B.** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1 mile north Van Wert road, 12 miles
- ROY, Joseph** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1 mile north Van Wert road 12 miles
- RYAN, James** railroad repairer, farmer, New Haven post office, Toledo, Wabash and Western Railroad, 10 1/2 miles
- RYAN, Patrick, Sr.** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 9 miles
- RYAN, Patrick, Jr.** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Toledo, Wabash and Western Rail road, 10 1/2 miles

Fort Wayne and Allen County directory cont.

- SAUSSETTE, Emmeda** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1/2 mile south Van Wert road, 12 miles
- SAUSSETTE, George** farmer, owner, Maples post office, 2 miles south Van Wert road, 12 miles
- SAVIOT, Frank** farmer, owner, Maples post office, 1 mile north Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne, and Chicago Railway, 12 miles
- SAVIOT, Michael** farmer, owner, Maples post office, 1/2 mile north Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne, and Chicago Railway, 11 1/2 miles
- SORDELET, Louis** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Irish Ridge road, 12 miles
- STALDER, Peter** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1/2 mile east Tiffin Railroad, 13 miles
- TERNAY, Frank** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 10 miles
- TOWNSEND, George W.** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 12 miles
- VIOLAND, Joseph** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Van Wert road, 9 miles
- VIOLAND, Jr.** farmer, New Haven post office, works for **Joseph Violand**
- YOKLEY, Abraham E.** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, Toledo, Wabash and Western Railroad, 10 1/2 miles
- YOKLEY, Paul** farmer, works for **A. E. Yokley**

A few families with a Besançon connection lived in Jackson Township. They are listed below.

- PERNOT, Constant** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1/2 mile north Paulding and Fort Wayne road, 14 1/2 miles
- VENDERLEY, George** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1/2 mile north of Paulding and Fort Wayne road, 14 mile
- VENDERLEY, George J** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1/2 mile north of Paulding and Fort Wayne road, 14 1/2 miles
- VOIROL, Jule** farmer, owner, New Haven post office, 1/2 mile north of Paulding and Fort Wayne, 14 miles
- VOIROL, Lewis** farmer, owner, near Bear Marsh, New Haven post office, 2 miles north Paulding and Fort Wayne road, 13 miles

More families were living just to the west of Besançon in Adams Township. They are listed below.

- BEGUE, John & Co** (**J. Beuge, J. Beugnot, A. Beugnot**) manufactures of staves and heading, corner of State and Canal, New Haven post office, 6 miles
- BEUGNOT, Peter** clerk, boards with **Peter F. Beugnot**, New Haven post office, 6 miles
- LOMONT, Peter V.** carpenter, residence Avenue, between Ann and Broadway, New Haven post office, 6 miles
- PERNOT, Louis** laborer, res. Main, between Section and State, New Haven post office, 6 miles
- PERNOT, Marshall** brickmaker, boards with **Frank Boetet**



1924 St. Louis Academy - Front row left to right: Joseph Lothamer, Louis Martin, Adaline Roussel, Morris Monnier, Wilber Ternet, Wayne Ternet, Virgil Frane, Eugene Lopshire, Bernard Jacquay, R. Faluis, Norbert Martin, Clarence Voirol, Middle row: Wilford Bowers, Paul Falius, Mildred Voirol, Zelia Lopshire, Vernica Johans, Mary Kline, Lavern Roy, Perl Marie, Lucile Converset, Mary Ellen Dodane, Leo Ternet, Wilbur Gerardot, Raymond Chusie, G. Gerardot Back row: Jennet Ternet, Lucile Roy, Lucile Frane, T. Gremeaux, M. Westrick, Mary Bowers, B. Oberely, Rose Mary Burns, Grace Lothamer, Katherine Lorrain, Celist Oberley, Marie Johans, Velma Pepe, Henritta Roussey, Rose Mary Gerardot, E. Gremeaux. *Photo from the St. Louis Archives, presented by The family of Rosalie (Lomont) Burns via Lloyd Urbine.*

recent arrivals.....

The Besançon Historical Society continues to add to its research collection of a wide variety of manuscripts, typescripts, bound volumes, and photographs. It welcomes all donations of histories, genealogies, and family histories pertaining to the settlement of eastern Allen County, Indiana, surrounding states and communities in foreign countries from which the Indiana settlers came. Recent additions included:

- ◆ **Peopling Indiana: an Ethnic Experience** edited by Robert M. Taylor and Connie McBirney, 1996 This book contains historical background on various immigrant groups in Indiana in 29 chapters.
 - ◆ **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Commemorative Book; A Sacred Place** by Vince LaBarbera, 1999
 - ◆ **A History of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Ft Wayne, Indiana** by Fr. Phillip A. Widmann, 1990. Both of these books contain history of the Ft Wayne Cathedral. This first includes a history of the renovations of the Church including the most recent.
 - ◆ **The Alaska Emigration Book** by Cornelia Schrader-Muggenthaler, 1989 (2 volumes) These two volumes contain the names, year of birth and place of birth of not only Alsatian emigrants, but emigrants from other parts of France, Germany and Switzerland
 - ◆ **BESANÇON** by Michèle Barrault This is the history and travel guide to the Besançon are of France written in English, French and German.
- With Ink and Crozier: A Biography of John Francis Noll, Fifth Bishop of Ft Wayne and Founder of Our Sunday Visitor** by Richard Ginder. The life of Bishop Noll, including his stint at St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon, Indiana 1902 - 1906.
submitted by Jeff Hoffman

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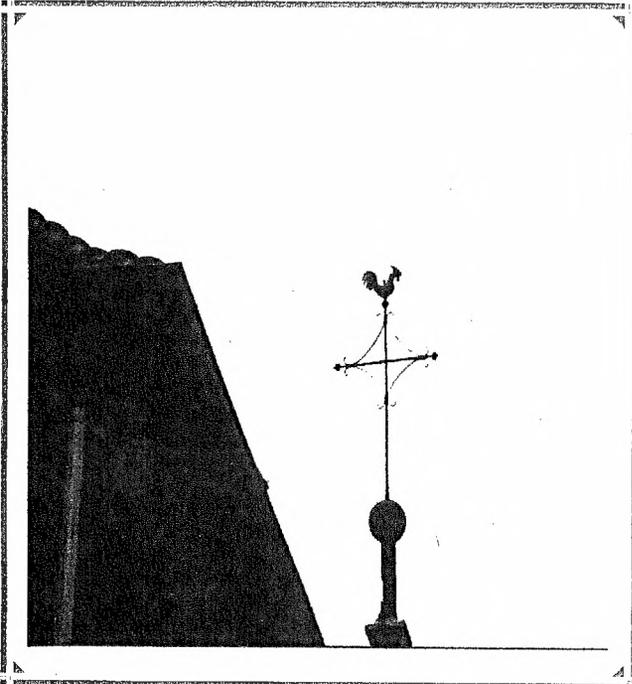
This building, solidly constructed, is still in use today. Many changes have been made, but the west room on the first floor has housed the first and second grades since 1915. The auditorium is now gone, but it was used for many activities. School plays, parish plays, graduations, bingo and card parties, boxing matches, C.Y.O.dances and parish dinners were held there.

In 1938, the enrollment of 125 pupils, was the largest in the history of the school. The same year was a special one for the school as free bus transportation to the school was approved by the public school board. This privilege allowed every child of the parish living in the township to attend school at St. Louis Academy. When the school opened, the students either walked, were brought by car, or traveled via horse and buggy. There was a barn in the back, about where the recreation hall is, to keep the horses during the day. Drinking water from a bucket and a common dipper, and outside toilets are all memories of St. Louis Academy. The students brought lunches from home and ate in the classrooms. A fond memory of many students is the serving of hot cocoa in the basement after first Friday mass because in those days, one had to fast from midnight in order to go to Holy Communion.

The Sisters of Notre Dame served St. Louis Academy until June 1977, a span of 67 years. Since then, with the exception of **Sister Virginia Murphy** of the Sisters of St. Agnes from 1979 until October 1981, all have been lay teachers. Today, the principal, **Agnes Hart** and the school faculty and staff is composed of a good mix of experience and educational background. The school has a 'first class' accreditation. The students are provided the opportunity to live their faith and exercise learning skills and leadership. They enjoy the family-like atmosphere, and the relationship between teacher and student.

A total of 105 students from fifty-six families are presently enrolled and many of them are direct descendants of the original parishioners, some with different last names, but some with the same names that have been a part of St. Louis parish since 1846. When enrollment was down in the seventies and many Catholic elementary schools were closing, thanks to many loyal parishioners and much volunteer work, the school has remained opened and still is, to this day, a small school with dedicated teachers and enthusiastic students who are learning, beside the three 'R's', to love God, neighbor, and country. Contributing to this article: *Monica Knecht and Gene Yoquelet.*

Église Paroisse de Ronchamp Ronchamp, France



The members of Besançon Historical Society in France last year noticed time and time again a weather van in the shape of a Rooster on top of many of the church steeples. A great many of these Roosters were above the cross.

Several people have offered an explanation, including **Marriane Doyle**, editor of the *French Ancestors*, and **Ralph Violette**, former editor of the *Chronicles* and a learned student of the French.

One explanation that seems to satisfy everyone is the Pope in the 9th century AD decreed that every church in Europe should show a cock on its dome or steeple, as a reminder of Jesus' prophecy that the cock would not crow the morning after the Last Supper, until the disciple Peter had denounced Him three times (Luke 22:34).

Weather cocks have topped church steeples in Europe and America for centuries.

photo by Sandy Monnier

friends of Besançon.....

A heartfelt Thanks to **Fay McCallister** for her recent generous donation to the Archive Library Fund. Donations to this fund is always appreciated and greatly needed. Names appearing on the Library Fund Plaque included: **Gene Yoquelet, Theresa Martin, Terry Gorney, Barbara Gorney, MaryJane Novosel, and Fay McCallister.** Additional donors to the Saint Louis Plaque Fund are: **Roger and Joan Monnier, Sandy Monnier, and Monica Knecht.** **Connie Bardy-Cadwell's** E-mail address is: **Cadwells@worldnet.att.net** and **Norma Quintenz's** E-mail address is: **Quin10z@juno.com.** Please add **Diana Galligher** to your name and address booklet. Her address is: **PO Box 198, Monroeville, IN. 46773.** Diana's phone number is **219-623-3740.** Note: **CHARLES MALDENY** 's name was omitted from Issue 14 in the list of **W.W.II** veterans. **NOW, this is where I apologize for all mistakes/errors you will find in the Chronicle,...and if you have a correction you would like me to note in the next Chronicle - please mail it to me!** My address is **Joyce Lomont Crowl, 5036 Abbey Lane, Shelby Twp. MI., 48316;** or Email me: **jjcrowl@c3net.net.** Thanks again, to **Sue Kratzman** for the wonderful job she did indexing the **Chronicles Issues 9 - 14.** This is a big job, very time-consuming and it was well done! Contributing to this issue were **Monica Knecht and Anita Bowers** who were always happy to answer questions or look up obscure facts!!

DEDICATION OF HISTORICAL PLAQUE

The presentation of the "Historical Plaque" to Saint Louis Catholic Church, Besançon was held Sunday, October 29, 2000 after the ten o'clock Mass. Blessing of the plaque along with the restored statues, one being Saint Louis, was performed by **Father Stephen Colchin.**

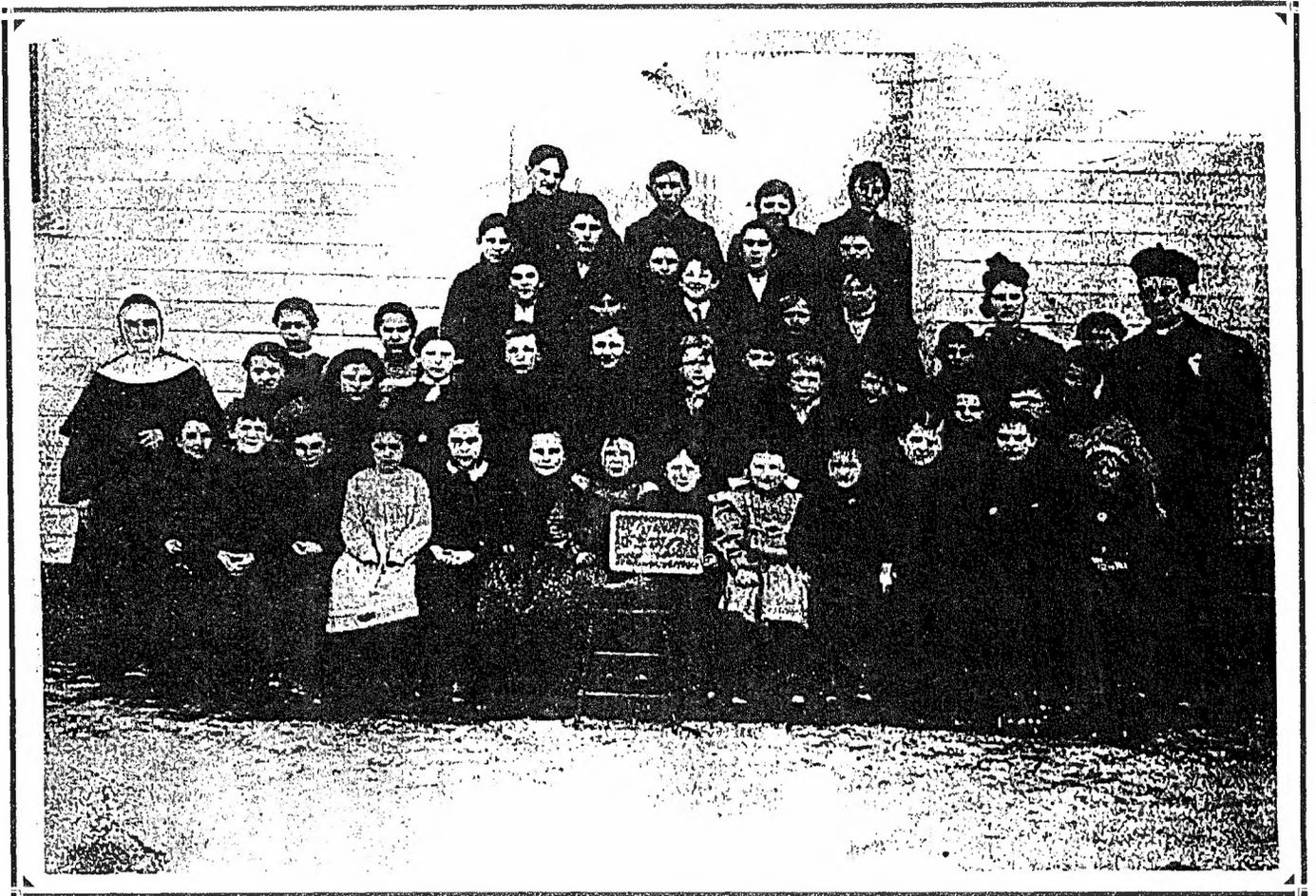
An open house was held both at the St. Louis Academy and the Besançon Historical Archives. A sausage and egg breakfast offered by the Home & School Association was a huge success with all proceeds going to the support of the Academy. We were quite pleased to have a number of visitors at the archives.

The past three years a great deal of restoration work has been done to the church, the school, and the surrounding grounds. More work is on the drawing board and work will be done as the funds are available. If any subscribers of BHS would like to make a donation to this wonderful cause, make your checks to: Saint Louis Building Fund, Besançon. 15533 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven, IN., 46774



Theresa Martin, Eugene Yoquelet and Gladys Nail Lomont at the dedication of the historical plaque at St. Louis on Sunday, October 29, 2000. Mrs. Lomont was a driving force to place St. Louis, Besançon on the National Register of Historic Places . *photo courtesy of Joan Monnier*

St. Joseph School, Besançon 1900 - 1915



This school picture was taken in 1906 of the St. Joseph School, Besançon, which was later to be known as St. Louis Academy.

Bottom row: Clem Henry, Clarence Ternet, Cletus Ternet, Hilda Coulardot, Mary Girard, Charlotte Lomont, Sara Gerardot, Bernard Martin, Velma Ternet, Lucy Gerardot, ? Monnot, ? Noll, (school visitor).

2nd row: Sister Hilda, Frances Pepe, Mary Gerardot, Ella Martin, Julian Roy, Clem Gladieux, Louis Reuille, Bernard Henry, unknown, Eugene Boitet, unknown, Arthur Gerardot, Clarence Lomont, Father Noll (later Bishop Noll). *3rd row:* Bertha Venderley, Lucy Gladieux, Herman (Fef) Ternet, unknown, Leslie Ternet, Felician Henry, Clarence Townsend, Charles Coonrod, Lillian Ternet, Bernadette Huguenard, *4th row:* Arthur Lomont, Frank Coonrod, Clarence Boitet, Leonard Mourey, Eugene Monnot, *5th row:* Clarence F. Lomont, Frank Rose, Jess Gladieux, and Frank (Francis) Boitet.

This picture was taken from the Monroeville paper, Wednesday, October 8, 1969. *Courtesy of Gladys Nail Lomont*

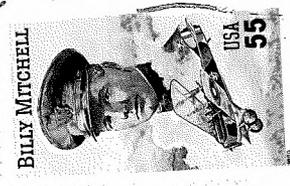
Please note: This same picture appeared in a newspaper two (2) times. There is no date on the one copy I have, but this paper does note they may have incorrectly identified some of the pupils and ask for corrections. The next copy of the same picture the paper is dated October 8, 1969 and the identity of the some of the students have been changed. This printing is the most recent. Also, it is mentioned in the issue, that there are two (2) Clarence Lomont. The spelling of the names has not been changed from the one copy.

BESANÇON HISTORICAL SOCIETY SCHEDULE, 2001

Feb. 24	9:30 - 10:15 10:15 - 11:00	Program - "Monniers from Anjoutey" by Joan Jacquay Monnier Business meeting
March 31	9:30 - 10:15 10:15 - 11:00	Program - "French Immigration" by Gene Yoquelet Business meeting
April 28	9:30 - 10:15 10:15 - 11:00	Program - "Catholicism in Indiana" by Jeff Hoffman Business meeting
May 26	9:30 - 10:15 10:15 - 11:00	"Bring your genealogies / open discussion" Business meeting
*June 30	8:00 A.M.	Departure for South Bend - Tour of the Basilica of Notre Dame
July 28	9:30 - 10:15 10:15 - 11:00	Program - "Early local news of East Allen County" by Theresa Martin Business meeting
Aug 25	9:30 - 10:15 10:15 - 11:00	"Mother Theodore Guerin" by Jeff Hoffman Business meeting
*Sept 29	9:30 - 10:15 10:30 - 11:00	"French History and Father Julian Benoit" by Rev. George Mather Business meeting
Oct 27	9:30 - 11:00 11:00 - 11:30	Bring your genealogies / open discussion Business
*Nov 17	9:30 - 10:30 11:00 12:30	Business meeting - Election of Officers, 2002 Christmas at the Archives - buffet luncheon

Our meetings have been changed from 9:00 A. M. to 9:30 A. M. in hopes to better accommodate everyone. Meetings start promptly at 9:30 A.M. and are held in the parish office building conference room using the far east entrance. Workshop meetings will be in the Archives using the two libraries. Meetings are the last Saturday of each month with the exception of **November 17**.

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CLASS OF 1948 - ST. LOUIS ACADEMY

Back row: Jim Lomont, Mary Ann Roussey, Jim Ladig, and Joseph Huguenard
Front row: Dorothy Barclay, Patricia Reuille, Jean Ann Reuille and Velma Voirol.