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Society Acquires Family Papers A treasure of historical significance

In February, 2001, the Besançon Historical Society was privilege and honored to receive the original "**GREMAUX DOCUMENTS**" from the **Walter and Mary Gremaux** family, of Monroeville, Indiana. Their trust in the society for the care and preservation of these valuable papers is indeed greatly appreciated, and make a wonderful addition to our archives. They are a treasure with historical significance to our French history.

The documents include the following: original pass port for **FRANCOIS XAVIER GREMAUX**, original pass port for **PIERRE JOSEPH HUGUENARD**, Communion Record for **ARSENE GREMAUX**, and the naturalization record for **ARSENE GREMAUX**. Included with these four documents is a "medical booklet" published in French, and no doubt brought along with the Gremauxs on their emigration to America.

These documents were taken to responsible and acknowledgeable people at a frame shop in Fort Wayne. The documents are now placed on a acid free paper and under a special protective glass and are framed. They are hung in one of the archive rooms for all to read and enjoy. They, indeed, represent a part of our French heritage in East Allen County.

Other valuable collections in the archives are two large portraits of **FRANCOIS AND MARY (LOMONT) GLADIEUX**, a large portrait of **ETIENNE COULARDOT**, an interior picture of the original look and design of **SAINT LOUIS CHURCH**, two large photographs of the 50th wedding anniversaries' (1910) of **GLADIEUX/LOMONT** and **TOWNSEND/GLADIEUX**, a large portrait of **GEORGE AND JOSEPHINE (GLADIEUX) TOWNSEND**, and a portrait of **LEWIS BEUCHAT**. One photograph that is most unique is that of the "**FRENCH/AMERICAN SOCIETY**" featuring almost all of the French names found in Allen County at the turn of the century. Included are those of the parish communities of Saint Vincent, Saint Louis and Saint Rose.

GENEALOGY DEPT.

Eugene Yoquelet

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President's Message

A large number of our members live outside the Allen County area, but still subscribe to the newsletter. This is their only source of information and contact with the society. The ones in this group should be more enlightened as to the actual functions of our society.

The Besançon Historical Society was founded in 1994 and incorporated in 1995 as a 'not for profit' organization. The main purpose of the society is to collect and preserve the histories/genealogies of the early settlers of east Allen County, particularly those of French descent. And, to make these materials available to its membership and the public. To **establish** and **maintain** a permanent archival library, and to have the archives open to the public and its members. There are other purposes, but what I mention above is the most important one.

The structure of the society states that its members have the sole right to govern and control all its activities through the officers elected at the annual corporation meeting. The society shall have a Board of Directors as its ultimate governing body to insure its effective functioning and management. The Board of Directors have certain responsibilities which I will not list all of them, but one in particular relates to the fiscal health and stability of the society; one is to approve the budget projected and the proposed use before presented to the annual meeting.

What makes our society so unusual and unique from other societies such as ours, we have elected to maintain archives for our materials and use. We now have a photo gallery archive, a library for research, a library for genealogies and a office/computer room. The archives were created by a few people through their hard work, dedication and money made the archives what it is today, and we thank those who have made extra donations towards this cause especially the archive library fund. The archives is something we cannot

The cost of renting space for the archives will be increased, postage is costing more, we have a computer that needs updating or replaced. Our treasurer have managed well on the income from past dues, and we have set aside enough money to be used for the publishing of two books. We have not raised membership dues from 1994 to the present. Now, at this annual meeting, the Board of Directors must present to the members of the annual voting meeting a budget for 2002. We have now come to a 'fork in the road'. With the increases mentioned above, we cannot continue to operate on previous budgets.

Presently, we have about 52 active paying members and 16 lifetime members who paid one total sum. This gives you a idea what we generate in dues. As your president, I am asking all our members and to give you a vote in this discussing by writing, calling or Emailing our editor, Joyce Crowl (jjcrowl@c3net.net). Every paying member has a vote in the decision making of the society whether you can or cannot attend the monthly meetings. Your comments will be sent to myself or the Board of Directors. We need your input!

Thank you!

Gene

The strength and growth of any organization lies in its members.

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President's Letter to Walter and Mary Gremaux

27 February 2001

To: Walter and Mary Gremaux
From: Besançon Historical Society

Dear Walter and Mary,

On behalf of the society and myself, we wish to thank you for the recent donation of the "**Gremaux Documents**". This is indeed a treasure, and one with great historical significance. Your trust in the society for their care and preservation is very much appreciated.

These documents are presently at a frame shop which I use frequently, and these people are caring and responsible. The documents will be placed on acid free paper and under a special glass that will protect them from light rays, and then framed. The framed documents will then be hung in one of the archive rooms for display.

A letter will be placed in the office file stating that if the society should ever disband or dissolve, these framed documents will be returned to a member of the Gremaux family.

Again, thank you for your generous gift to the society.

Yours truly,

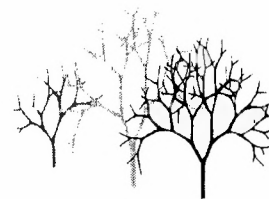
CONDOLENCES

Our prayers go to the family of **Sister Evelyn Mourey**, OLVN, who died Wednesday, May 23, 2001 at Holy Family Health Care Center, Victory Noll in Huntington, Indiana. Sister Evelyn was born November 30, 1918 in Jefferson Twp., Allen County, Indiana, the daughter of **Leonard R.** and **Eva Clara (Dodane) Mourey**.

Sister Evelyn was a direct descendant of the first Mourey immigrant, **Paul Ambroise**, who was born March 23, 1828 in Abbenans, France and settled in Jackson Twp., Allen County, Indiana. He and his wife, **Rose**, are buried in the old cemetery of Saint Louis, Besançon.

Sister Evelyn recited her first vows in 1942, and had ministered in Ohio, Alabama, Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming, California, Texas and Bolivia. She was a teacher and coordinator in religious education and a nurse in health education.

submitted by Eugene Yoquelet



FAMILY GENEALOGIES AT ARCHIVES.

- ♦ **FRANK LOUIS MONNOT & DESCENDANTS** by **JOHN MONNOT**
- ♦ **ALBERT PEPE & XAVIER FRANCIS PETITJEAN** by **RICHARD MULLINS**
- ♦ **JEAN PIERRE & WIFE, MARGARET (DUPONT) GEANT (GIANT)** by **W. R. BRADENBURG**

Descendants of François Gremaux

researched and submitted by Eugene Yoquelet

Generation No. 1

1. **FRANCOIS¹ GREMAUX** was born in France, and died in France. He married **FRANCOISE ISABEY**.

Child of **FRANCOIS GREMAUX** and **FRANCOISE ISABEY** is:

2. i. **PIERRE² GREMAUX**, b. October 28, 1687, France; d. France.

Generation No. 2

2. **PIERRE² GREMAUX** (*FRANCOIS¹*) was born October 28, 1687 in France, and died in France. He married **JACQUELINE PITET**, daughter of **NICHOLAS PITET** and **JACQUELINE PEQUIGNOT**. She was born November 22, 1694 in France, and died November 22, 1773 in France.

Child of **PIERRE GREMAUX** and **JACQUELINE PITET** is:

3. i. **JEAN ANTOINE G.³ GREMAUX**, b. November 28, 1735, France; d. April 06, 1814, France.

Generation No. 3

3. **JEAN ANTOINE G.³ GREMAUX** (*PIERRE², FRANCOIS¹*) was born November 28, 1735 in France, and died April 06, 1814 in France. He married **PIERETTE BON** July 06, 1779 in France. She was born May 16, 1741 in France, and died January 28, 1797 in France.

Child of **JEAN GREMAUX** and **PIERETTE BON** is:

4. i. **JOSEPH BAPTISTE⁴ GREMAUX**, b. June 13, 1781, Courchaton; Dept Haute Saone, France; d. 1843.

Generation No. 4

4. **JOSEPH BAPTISTE⁴ GREMAUX** (*JEAN ANTOINE G.³, PIERRE², FRANCOIS¹*) was born June 13, 1781 in Courchaton; Dept Haute Saone, France, and died 1843. He married **JEANNIE BAPTISTE M. HUGUENARD** February 13, 1804, daughter of **NICHOLAS HUGUENARD** and **MARIE MONNIER**. She was born May 13, 1775 in Courchaton; Dept Haute Saone, France, and died April 01, 1848.

Child of **JOSEPH GREMAUX** and **JEANNIE HUGUENARD** is:

5. i. **FRANCOIS XAVIER⁵ GREMAUX**, b. May 16, 1808, Courchaton; Dept Haute Saone, France; d. France.

Generation No. 5

5. **FRANCOIS XAVIER⁵ GREMAUX** (*JOSEPH BAPTISTE⁴, JEAN ANTOINE G.³, PIERRE², FRANCOIS¹*) was born May 16, 1808 in Courchaton; Dept Haute Saone, France, and died in France. He married **URSULE RONDEY/RONDOT** August 04, 1838 in Courchaton; Dept Haute Saone, France, daughter of **JACQUES RONDEY/RONDOT** and **FRANCOISE PEQUIGNOT**. She was born March 23, 1811 in France, and died June 06, 1901 in Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana. **URSULE RONDEY/RONDOT** is buried in IOOF Cemetery, New Haven, Indiana.

Notes for **FRANCOIS XAVIER GREMAUX**:

Immigration record **O XAVIER GREMAUX**, dec., 2 Oct, 1852, native of France b., 10 May 1808, emb. Le Havre, April, 1847, arrived Port of New Orleans, June 1847. B 1 - page 458, Allen County, Indiana. Arrived on ship "Vesta" with wife and four children, Port of New Orleans. First listed in the 1850 census of Perry Twp., Allen County, Indiana. Page 540 #2798 ln 27. Accordingly to family history, Francois X. made more than one trip back to his home country. On his last trip, he died and was buried there, and no doubt in the local country cemetery of Courchaton, Saint Madeleine. (Eugene Yoquelet)

Children of **FRANCOIS GREMAUX** and **URSULE RONDEY/RONDOT** are:

- i. **MARY ODILIE⁶ GREMAUX**, b. February 16, 1839, Courchaton; Dept Haute Saone, France; d. August 07, 1923, Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana; m. **FRANCOIS AUGUSTE FRENE**, September 17, 1858, Allen County, Indiana.
- ii. **ARSENE GREMAUX**, b. November 05, 1840, Courchaton; Dept Haute Saone, France; d. November 05, 1922, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana.
- iii. **CLAUDE AUGUSTE GREMAUX**, b. April 05, 1842, Courchaton; Dept Haute Saone, France; d. November 19, 1868, with burial in Saint Louis Cemetery.

- iv. **JEAN BAPTISTE ELI GREMAUX**, b. June 29, 1844, Courchaton; Dept Haute Saone, France; m. **MARY LACROIX**, January 12, 1875, Allen County, Indiana.
- v. **FRANCIS GREMAUX**, b. October 1852, Perry Twp. Allen County, Indiana; d. July 05, 1931, Allen County, Indiana; m. **CATHERINE CAYOT**. **FRANCIS GREMAUX** is buried in IOOF Cemetery, New Haven, Indiana
- vi. **VICTOR GREMAUX**, b. 1854, Allen County, Indiana; d. 1925, Burial in St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besançon; m. **CLAUDINE PHILOMENE VOIROL**, August 26, 1880.

Generation No. 6

6. ARSENE⁶ GREMAUX (*FRANCOIS XAVIER⁵, JOSEPH BAPTISTE⁴, JEAN ANTOINE G³, PIERRE², FRANCOIS¹*) was born November 05, 1840 in Courchaton; Dept Haute Saone, France, and died November 05, 1922 in Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana. He married **MELAINIE DELPHINE REUILLE** May 28, 1872 in St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon, daughter of **JOHN REUILLE** and **MARGARET PREDINE**. She was born 1850 in Romain, France, and died March 01, 1926 in Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana. **ARSENE GREMAUX** is buried in IOOF Cemetery, New Haven, Indiana. **MELAINIE DELPHINE REUILLE** is buried in the old Saint Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besançon.

Children of **ARSENE GREMAUX** and **MELAINIE REUILLE** are:

- i. **CLAUDE FRANCOIS⁷ GREMAUX**, b. April 15, 1873, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana; d. September 26, 1938, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana; m. **MARY JOSEPHINE URBINE**, September 08, 1900, St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon. **CLAUDE FRANCOIS GREMAUX** and **MARY JOSEPHINE URBINE** are buried in the old Saint Louis cemetery, Besançon.
- ii. **MARY VICTORIA GREMAUX**, b. December 03, 1874; d. April 15, 1953; m. **JOHN ROACH**, August 16, 1896, St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon.
- iii. **INFANT GREMAUX**, b. 1876; d. 1876. Burial: Saint Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besançon.
- iv. **ADELINE MARIE GREMAUX**, b. October 31, 1879, Allen County, Indiana; d. January 12, 1964, Omaha, Nebraska; m. **ALFRED EVARD**, September 29, 1903, St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon.
- v. **MARIE JOSEPHINE GREMAUX**, b. October 31, 1879; d. September 21, 1880, St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besançon.
- vi. **EMIEL CONSTANT GREMAUX**, b. March 02, 1882, Allen County, Indiana; d. February 11, 1965; m. **CLARA S. ROACH**, July 02, 1903, Allen County, Indiana. **CLARA S. ROACH GREMAUX** is buried in IOOF Cemetery, New Haven, Indiana.
- vii. **IDA ALICE GREMAUX**, b. March 02, 1882; d. June 07, 1962.
- viii. **JULIAN CLAUDE GREMAUX**, b. August 30, 1885, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana; d. May 10, 1956, Allen County, Indiana; m. **ELEANOR A. VOIROL**, October 05, 1914, Allen County, Indiana. **JULIAN CLAUDE GREMAUX** is buried in Saint Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besançon.
- ix. **LOUIS WILLIAM GREMAUX**, b. June 13, 1888, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana; d. February 17, 1957, Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana; m. **LILLIAN E. BANET**, January 28, 1911, Allen County, Indiana. **LOUIS WILLIAM GREMAUX** is buried at Fort Wayne Catholic Cemetery.
- x. **JUSTINE CLEMENT GREMAUX**, b. May 16, 1892, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana; d. December 18, 1957, Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana; m. **BLANCHE F. URBINE**, Allen County, Indiana. Burial in Saint Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besançon.

Researched and compiled by Eugene Yoquelet. 2001

Descendants of Joseph Henry

continuing with family genealogy researched and submitted by Eugene Yoquelet

Generation No. 1

1. JOSEPH² HENRY (*FRANCIS¹*) was born 1867 in Allen County, Indiana, and died September 01, 1897 in Allen County, Indiana. He married **LAURA LOMONT** May 26, 1896 in St. Louis Catholic Church, Besancon by Fr. F. X. Labonte, daughter of **FRANCOIS LOMONT** and **CECILIA JEANPIERRE(PETERS)**. She was born 1875 in Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana, and died 1938 in Allen County, Indiana. The couple were married by **Rev. Father J. F. Noll**; witness: **Henry Thiebault** and **Clara Pepe**. **JOSEPH HENRY**: Burial: St John Catholic Cemetery, New Haven, Indiana

Child of **JOSEPH HENRY** and **LAURA LOMONT** is:

- i. **BERNARD J.³ HENRY**, b. March 07, 1897, Allen County, Indiana; d. 1964; m. **EMMA FRANCELIA BANDELIER**, May 28, 1919, Allen County, Indiana; b. 1896, Allen Co., Indiana; d. 1964, Allen Co., Indiana.

Descendants of Laura Lomont

Generation No. 1

1. LAURA³ LOMONT (*FRANCOIS², CLAUDE FRANCOIS¹*) was born 1875 in Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana, and died 1938 in Allen County, Indiana. She married (1) **JOSEPH HENRY** May 26, 1896 in St. Louis Catholic Church, Besancon by **Fr. F. X. Labonte**, son of **FRANCIS HENRY** and **JOSEPHINE FRENCH**. He was born 1867 in Allen County, Indiana, and died September 01, 1897 in Allen County, Indiana. She married (2) **AMIEL PEPE** July 20, 1904 in St Louis Catholic Church, Besancon by **Rev. Fr. J. F. Noll**, son of **AUGUST PEPE** and **CAROLINE GROSJEAN**. He was born October 11, 1874 in Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana, and died September 24, 1957 in Allen County, Indiana.

Child of **LAURA LOMONT** and **JOSEPH HENRY** is:

- i. **BERNARD J.⁴ HENRY**, b. March 07, 1897, Allen County, Indiana; d. 1964; m. **EMMA FRANCELIA BANDELIER**, May 28, 1919, Allen County, Indiana; b. 1896, Allen Co., Indiana; d. 1964, Allen Co., Indiana. More About **EMMA FRANCELIA BANDELIER**: Burial: IOOF Cemetery, New Haven, Indiana.

Children of **LAURA LOMONT** and **AMIEL PEPE** are:

- ii. **GLADYS LEONA⁴ PEPE**, b. March 03, 1905, Allen County, Indiana; d. 1982; m. **ELMER (JACK) KEPLER**, November 26, 1925. Interment: Fort Wayne Catholic Cemetery, Allenc Co., Indiana
- iii. **FLORENCE PEPE**, b. 1907, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; d. 1987; m. **XAVIER F. SURQUE**, April 10, 1934, St Louis Catholic Church, Besancon. Interment: St. John's Catholic Cemetery, New Haven, Indiana
- iv. **WILBUR PEPE**, b. January 10, 1910, Allen County, Indiana; m. (1) **ADELINE HUHN**, November 26, 1946, Fort Wayne, Indiana; b. February 12, 1919, Hammond, Indiana; d. September 16, 1966, Woodburn, Indiana; m. (2) **BERNADETTE LAKE**, 1979. Interment for Adeline Huhn: St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besancon
- v. **MORRIS PEPE**, b. March 23, 1912, Allen County, Indiana; d. 1978; m. **ALTA LEE**.
- vi. **LESLIE PEPE**, b. September 10, 1914, Allen County, Indiana; m. (1) **BLANCHE SCHOENLE**, December 30, 1939, St. Andrews, Ft. Wayne, Indiana; m. (2) **JANE BROWN**, June 1980.

Yester Years' News

From time to time we will be publishing newspaper articles from time gone by. We hope you enjoy reading these articles, perhaps you will find a relative or two.

Weekly Breeze, Thursday, October 3, 1901
Monroeville Newspaper

Mrs. Louis Beaushot (Beuchat) - At the country residence tow and one-half miles northwest of Monroeville in Monroe Twp. on Friday evening, September 27, 1901 occurred the death of Mrs. Louis Beaushot after suffering for only a few weeks from typhoid fever. She leaves a husband and five children who are all down at the present time with the same terrible disease and while all have been in critical condition for several weeks past, they are at the present time improving and considered to be out of danger. Two months ago a son preceded the mother to that better world from the same disease. Funeral was held from the house last Monday morning and at 10:30 services were conducted at St. Rose Catholic Church by pastor **Rev L R Paquet** with burial in the Catholic cemetery. *Note: Mrs. Louis Beuchat was the former Caroline Dodane, b: June 5, 1864 in Jefferson Twp, the daughter of Joseph and Caroline (Pequignot) Dodane, early French settlers in Allen county. e.e.yoquelet.*

Weekly Breeze, January 30, 1890

Peter Gladieux, an old and prominent citizen of Jefferson Twp., recently died at his homestead. He was the father of Representative, **F. Gladieux**, **Mr. C. Gladieux**, **Mrs. Geo Townsend**, and **Mrs. Alfonse Lomont**.

Note: Jean Pierre (Peter) Gladieux died

January 18, 1890, 78y 8d with burial in St. Louis Cemetery, Besançon. His father: Phillipus Gladieux, died in 1865 at the age 76y, and is recorded in the cemetery records as the oldest burial in the cemetery, Besançon. e.e. yoquelet

Fort Wayne News-Sentinel, Thursday,
September 27, 1962

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY - Mr and Mrs Henry E. Gerardot, R R 2, New Haven, will celebrate their golden anniversary Sunday with a Mass at 10 a.m. in the St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon. They will receive guests in the Besançon recreation hall from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The couple has three sons: **Manfred**, Los Alamos, NM, **Wilbur and George**, both of New Haven; and six daughters, **Mrs Norbert Lomont**, **Mrs Bernard Reiner**, **Mrs Carl Ottenweller**, and **Mrs Ben Anderson**, all of New Haven. **Sister Rita Clare**, Willmette, Ill, and **Mrs. Duane Roehling** of Los Alamos. There are 32 grand-children and one great-grandchild.

Zulu News October 3, 1912

Last Tuesday at the Besançon church occurred the marriage of **Lilly Ternet**, the only child of **Mr. and Mrs. Emile Ternet**, to **Henry Girardot**, son of **Joseph Girardot** of near Maples, tow prominent and highly respected young people of the parish. A large crowd of relatives and friends had gathered at the church long before the appointed hour, all eager to get a glimpse of the grand ceremony as soon as the wedding party entered the church door. Then the soft, sweet strains of the wedding march were played by **Miss Dodane**.

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The first to lead the party was little **Miss Roussel**, the ring bearer, followed by the groom and his niece, **Miss Bolard**. Next was **Ruth Gladioux and Sherman Girardot**, followed by the flower girl, **Lilyona Roussel**, then came the bride, attended by her cousin, **Jessie Gladioux**, who lead her to the altar, where they were met by the groom and the **Rev Father Luen** who pronounced them man and wife. The bride looked handsome in a snow white gown of satin, and the groom wore the conventional black.

from the same paper:

Gertrude Girardot has accepted a position as a clerk at the **N. A. Coulardot** store.

Eugene Comment, Augusta Kleeburg and Mrs Blackman and daughter, **Marguerite** were were visitors at **J. C. Comment's** last Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Al Woolard, of **Payne, Ohio** and **Mr and Mrs George Townsend, Mr and Mrs Louis Roussel** and children were invited guests at **Edward Dodane's** last Sunday.

one week later, The Journal Gazette - Zulu News:

Celestin Gladioux threshed clover last week and is very well pleased with the proceeds.

Mr and Mrs Eugene Bonjour and son, and **Mr and Mrs Frank Oberly** and son motored to **Fort Wayne** Wednesday.

Mr and Mrs Edward Monnot and daughters, **Edna and Mildred** were calling on **George Townsend** Saturday evening.

Mr Frank Oberly is erecting a fine, new hog pen. **Mr Oberly** will do the work himself and laid the foundation last week, it, being concrete.

Mrs Josephine Townsend and Mrs Eva Lash and mother, Mrs Jane Neal of **Missouri**, were visiting in **Edgerton, Indiana** one day last week.

Jefferson News January 25, 1913
Journal Gazette

The No 4 school was closed Monday and Tuesday this week, there being no school Monday on account of **Miss Jackway** wanting to attend her aunt's funeral and Tuesday she was a bridesmaid for her cousin.

Last Tuesday at the **St Louis Besançon** church occurred the marriage of **Ella Martin**, daughter of **Mr and Mrs Charles Martin** to **Hershel Jackway, son of Louis Jackway**. **Miss Lucy Jackway** was bridesmaid, and **Eugene Martin** acted as best man, the young couple left immediately after the wedding breakfast for **Chesaning, Mich**, where they will spend their honeymoon visiting among their relatives.

Jerome Chevilot was hauling lumber from the **Hathaway** mill.

Mrs August Voirel a life long resident of **Jefferson Twp** died Thursday morning at the home of her daughter, **Mrs Charles Lomont**. **Mrs Voirel** was a devoted Catholic and her husband proceeded her a little over two years ago.

Mrs Frank Gremaux is confined to her home with the lagrippe, her niece, **Miss Mildred Barker** is assisting with the house work.

A social is to be given in the near future at the **St Louis Besançon** hall for the benefit of some repairs much needed in the basement, the ladies of the congregation are asked to donate fancy work for the fancy table to lotteried off.

Another home was made sad Thursday night when **Mr Mac Vanhorn** passed away to the great world beyond. **Mr Vanhorn** had been in ill health for some time but not bedfast and death came as a great shock to his dear wife and family.

The youngest child of **Mr and Mrs David Marquart** died Wednesday morning from pneumonia.



Historical Atlas of Paulding County, Ohio 1892

Historical Atlas of Paulding County, Ohio 1892 (compiled by O. Morrow & F. W. Bushore) Western Publishing Co., Madison, WI. 1892 Submitted by **Terri Gorney, CGRS**

In the 1870's, as it is today, the land was cheaper in Paulding County, Ohio and many of the French settlers moved 'east'. Below is two of the families mentioned in the above publication.

Frank Alexander Pio (page 62) is a native of New York, having been born in Oswego County, January 7, 1846, the son of **J. B.** and **Mary (Rusay) Pio**, of French extraction. The parents came from France in 1828, and located in New York, where they remained for several years. They then went to Allen County, Indiana and lived there until their respective deaths. Frank Pio, our subject, was the fourth child in order of birth born to these French immigrants. He received a common school education and was reared to manhood in Allen County. In 1888, Mr. Pio, in partnership, with **Mr. Silas Brattain** erected a tile factory on the former's land, and are at present doing a prosperous business. March 12, 1866, **Miss Mary**, the daughter of **Jacob and Mary (Dupray) Barbier**, became the wife of Frank Pio, and ten children were born to them, named **William J., Joseph J., Norah J.**, wife of **A. F. Hughes**; **Mary E., Frank A., Jr., Charles E., John W., Henry A., Fred J., and Emma H. Pio**. The father, who is independent in his politics, has been trustee of his township (Harrison Twp.) for four terms, and assessor for five terms. He and his family enjoy the esteem of the community in which they reside.



Francis A. Quince, (page 62) a former prominent farmer of Paulding County, was born in Richland County on the 2nd of August, 1849. His parents, **Francis and Catherine (Shelly) Quince**, were of French lineage and honored residents of the township in which they lived. After obtaining a common school education, Francis Quince began a life for himself. In 1873, on the 13th of January, he was united in matrimony with **Miss Agatha Lothammer**, a native of France, born in 1852, and the daughter of **Theobold and Mary M. (Gamber) Lothammer**, of France, the former of whom was born May 5, 1806, and is still well and hearty, and the latter' birth occurring April 10, 1809, her death taking place August 15, 1887. Three children blessed this union, by name: **Catherine M.**, born October 6, 1873; **Mary C.**, born April 11, 1875; **Morris O.**, born June 20, 1877. The father of these children was killed by lightning on the 12th of August, 1880. Since his death the farm work has been overlooked by Mrs. Quince. Mr. Quince, when alive, was identified with the democratic party, and his family are members of the Catholic Church.

Society Sponsors Lectures

The Besançon Historical Society has been presenting a series of lectures through the cooperation of The Village of Heritage in Monroeville, Indiana in hope that the community and residents of Heritage will exchange ideas, viewpoints and memories of the surrounding area.

In March, **Jerry and Mary Ann Getty** presented a lecture on how the 19th century immigrants helped build and use the Erie Canal as one of the major routes to the Middle West. A majority of the area was settled with the families that came on the canal to Allen County.

Mrs. Rosemary (Marquart) Dager was the featured speaker in May with the information she has researched over the years about the burial sites of Eastern Allen County, along with a few located across the Ohio state line. She has compiled the funeral home records of her father when he owned and managed the Marquart Funeral Home in Monroeville. She has presented a copy of it to the different libraries and historical societies of the county. Mrs. Dager explained how much research on a family tree can be obtained from the inscriptions on the tombstones.

On September 29, 2001 **Rev. George Mather**, author of the book: "**FRONTIER FAITH**". will speak on "French History and Father Julian Benoit". The program will begin at 9:30 A.M. at the Village of Heritage. Please note: This will be the September meeting of Besançon Historical Society and will be held at the Village of Heritage on September 29, 2001

The Village of Heritage is located at 12011 Whittern Road on Monroeville's west side.
(219) 623-6440.

bits 'n pieces

Mrs. Gladys Nail Lomont has presented to the Besançon Historical Society two volumes to be added to the archives. They will be a great help to research, and we are always pleased to accept donations of maps, books, and files to be added to our library. The two books are:

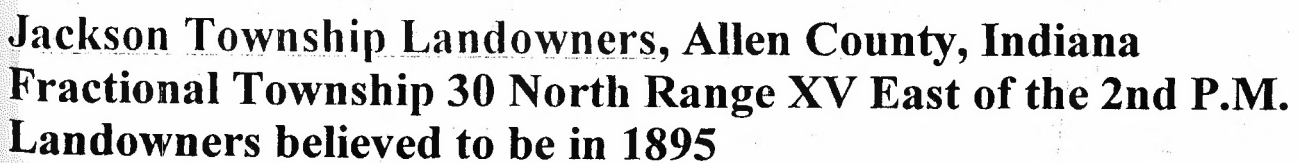
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Theresa Martin is collecting and copying a series of plat books of the county. She is looking for anyone to donated what they might have in their collection. These will be indexed and placed in the archives.

A committee is being formed with St. Louis Catholic Church to begin "reading" or recording of the new cemetery of Besançon. Anyone interested please contact the president, **Gene Yoquelet**. A book will be published when this project is completed.

Interest has also been shown to begin work and resoration on the old cemetery. Many stones are damaged or 'sunk'. It is with great joy I can report **Faye and Joe McAllister** has had the stones of **Mourice and Anna (Jauris) Rausis** raised, cleaned and a plaque placed on the grave sites. Faye and I are 2nd cousins. (Editor in chief)



BESANÇON FAMILIES

Besides land records and St. Louis Besançon Catholic Church records, the following records are some of the earliest records for those families who settled in Jefferson Township around Besançon.

For those who owned their own land, this was an important clue for researcher's to search the grantor and grantee books in Allen County (IN) Recorder's Office for land records. Whether or not, land was owned, another important agriculture schedules that were enumerated between 1850 and 1880.

These records were abstracted in June/July 1998. They were done to aid genealogists in finding information on their ancestors. The original books are located in Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne. (IN).

Terri Gorney, CGRS

History of Allen County, Indiana (Chicago: Kingman Bros. 1880)
p. 185, col 2, Business Directory of Jefferson Township

Name	Section	Date of Settlement	From	P.O. Address	Business
Boitel, Francis	15	1849	France	New Haven	Farmer
Butler, Jacob A	15	1853	Ohio	New Haven	Farmer
Bell, Robert	22	1875	Penn	New Haven	Farmer
Dawkins, H G	9	1849	England	New Haven	Farmer
Gladio, Francis		1847	France	Monroeville	County Commissioner and Farmer
Grover, Benj	17	1862	Maine	New Haven	Farmer
Harper, Wm	5	1834	Ireland	New Haven	Farmer
Hutson, James T	8	1848	Ohio	New Haven	Farmer
Joly, C M	31	1847	France	Maples	Farmer
Lamont, Edw T	16	1854	Indiana	New Haven	Farmer and teacher
Lamont, Francis	16	1850	France	New Haven	Farmer
Linden, G W	6	1843	New York	New Haven	Farmer
Martin, Charles	14	1850	Indiana	New Haven	Farmer
Miller, J P	35	1848	France	Monroeville	Farmer
Merillat, August	24	1847	Indiana	New Haven	Farmer
Maple, Louis S		1852	Penn	Maples	Farmer and Dealer in and Manufacturer of Lumber
Roussey, Francis	14	1847	France	New Haven	Farmer
Ryan, Patrick	3	1852	Ireland	Gar Creek	Farmer
Rothgel, Daniel	3	1854	Ohio	Gar Creek	Saw Mill Dealer in Lumber and Shingles
Snider, George	26	1841	Penn	Maples	Farmer
Verolt, August	9	1852	Switzerland	New Haven	Farmer



Besancon Students to Give Operetta

the following is a reprint of an article that appeared in the May 7, 1921 issue of the Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette.

"*Happyland*" an attractive operetta in three acts, will be presented by the girls and boys of St. Louis Catholic school, Besançon, Ind., at St. Louis school hall at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, May 15th. The program is under the direction of the pastor, **Rev. George Moorman** and the Sisters in charge of the school.

The leading roles will be presented by **Paul Mourey, Nelson Gladieux, Narcis Reuille, Francis Mourey, Virgil Gladieux, Florence Pepe, Viola Reuille, Esther Roussey, Alice Gladieux.**

The girls' chorus is formed by **Glenola Comment, Edna Girardot, Sarah Girardot, Gladys Lothamer, Norma Dodane, Ethel Monnier, Elsie Monnier, Elsie Girardot.** Members of the boys' chorus are **Adrian Roussey, Russel Urbine, Louis Roussel, Herbert Renier, Walter Comment, Francis Frene, Earl Girardot, Wilbur Pepe.**

Twelve boys and as many girls of the junior grades make up the chorus of sprites and fairies. **Mrs. Henry Girardot**, pianist and **Maurice Rose**, violinist, will furnish the accompaniment for the musical numbers. "*Happyland*" is one of the most pleasing operettas to be given by the students at Besançon and many friends from Fort Wayne and New Haven are expected to attend the production.

*contributed by Ron Mourey, great-grandson of Ellen Lomont and Raymond Mourey.
(Ellen Lomont was the daughter of Victoria Gladieux and Alphonse Lomont)*

friends of Besançon

Please note a change of address for **Nancy Giant Canull**; it is 65 E. Cedar Street, Apt A, Zionsville, IN. 46077-1563. Welcome to new members: **Judy Baatz**, 6736 West Canal Pointe Lane, Ft Wayne, IN 46804, **Jack Lake**, 316 E. North Street, Wills Pointe, TX 75169, **Delores Gerardot Lomont**, 16806 Lincoln Hwy East, New Haven, IN 46774, **Cleo (Forrer) Gerardot**, 2211 Valley Creek, New Haven, IN 46774, **Jacqueline (Gerardot) Roehling**, 3018 Sea Farrer Cove, Fort Wayne, IN 46815, **Eileen (Gerardot) Renier**, 9416 Pawnee Way, New Haven, IN 46774 and **John Monnot**, 30 Country Club Drive, Suisun City, CA. 94585-1306.....**Carolyn Lomont Hill** wrote a nice note and remembers attending St. Louis School when the school gym was used as a library. She mentioned the stage and the annual programs produced by the Sisters. She related selling pies as shop-keeper in one of the programs when she was only in the first grade - a 'fair' scene and **Wallace Comment** dressed as Uncle Sam (3rd and 4th grade), as the rest of the class stomped and turned to "Maryland, My Maryland" and other patriotic tunes. Note: **Gene Yoquelet** is responsible for all the research we publish in our monthly genealogies, *unless otherwise noted*. You may contact him with any questions you might have.

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The September meeting of the Besançon Historical Society will be held at the Village of Heritage in Monroeville, Indiana at 9:30 A. M.

The speaker will be Rev. George Mather, author of the book: "FRONTIER FAITH".

**The Village of Heritage is located at:
12011 Whittern Road on the west side.**

(219) 623-6440

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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