

# BESANÇON, INDIANA CHRONICLES

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## *Projects Planned...*

The first meeting of Besançon Historical Society for 2002 was held March 30 at the St. Louis parish. An ambitious and interesting year is in progress; with **Jeff Hoffman** heading up the 'reading' of the new cemetery. **Tamyra Jauregu** has all the information of the families that we have at this time and the placement of the grave stones entered into a database. **Theresa Martin** and **Gene Yoquelet** are under taking the project of entering all the parish baptisms and marriages into the computer, with the help of Jeff Hoffman.

A new project that will be featured at the archives will be a map showing where all the families of the parish originally came from. On page 12 is a map of France, and on page 13 a general map of Franche - Comté: the region where most of our ancestors lived. The maps we show here are not detail, we don't have the room, the one at the archives will be. We hope this helps the reader to get a better idea of the region.

**Gene Yoquelet** and **Joan Monnier** are researching the sources and will be establishing the authenticity of each source. If you have any knowledge you can add to this new, interesting project please contact one of the officers.

The area we are most interested in can be found in the eastern most region. Travel books describe the land rich in history and heritage. Great rivers cut deep paths in the chalk and sandstone soil; canals link cities. A land of waterfalls, caves and castles, citadels, a land covered with forests and wide open

spaces. A land of beauty.

Of interest to the reader must be the fact a great many of our ancestors sailed from the port of La Havre on the Atlantic. One can only imagine the crossing of the country, with the family's entire belongings, to leave their homeland for the New World.

## *Archive Library...*

A special archive library fund has been set aside from the general fund to promote the purchase of research materials, books and genealogical subscriptions that might be of use for research of the first French pioneers of Allen County, especially the Saint Louis and Saint Vincent communities.

A most recent purchase was for the book, "Frontier Faith" by **Rev. George Mather**. This book explains the very early faiths of our forefathers and illustrates the first churches in Fort Wayne and Allen County.

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Allen County Public Library

# President's Message...

I would like to focus on Allen County Public Library (ACPL) in this issue. The ACPL is the second largest genealogical source in the nation with Salt Lake City being the first in the Mormon records. To use the microfilm from Salt lake check the computer that is in the microfilm section of the ACPL. Select a city, county or name and follow the screen directions to get a list that can be printed. This lists the microfilm number of the roll to be ordered through the staff for \$3.25 a roll. Delivery to the library is about 3 weeks and the librarians will call when the microfilm is in. The film will be held for about 8 weeks.

The library will be expanding and renovating starting in September, 2002. YEA! The facility will move off site while work is being done. The location has yet to be named. At present only 4% of books are on the open shelves. Renovation will bring that to 60%!

Following are samples of what the library holds.

Records in the microtext department:

- 1 W.W.I draft registration cards for all states
- 2 Index to compiled service records
- 3 All census records - 1930 will be out in April with 2667 rolls and 1587 soundex (12 southern states only). Compare this to 1790 census of 12 rolls.
- 4 Confederate pension applications for KY, LA, MO and SC
- 5 Passenger lists for Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, NY, Philadelphia and more.
- 6 City directories for major cities.
- 7 Early Allen County birth records.
- 8 Canadian census 1666 - 1891 - eastern provinces
- 9 Quebec and Ontario passenger lists
- 10 Alabama death index 1924 - 1940

Printed Collection:

- 1 Professional, religious, school and alumni directories
- 2 1300 plus Polk city directories
- 3 Persi (Persi Source Index) compiled by department staff of over 3200 subscriptions
- 4 Over 220,000 volumes
- 5 Canadian records - mainly Quebec and Ontario
- 6 British Isles - 15, 000 volumes
- 7 Germany collection
- 8 Other countries
- 9 Allen County births, marriages, deaths
- 10 Jewish Memorial books and histories

Audio Cassetts and videos for genealogy department orientation and over 1400 taped lectures.

This is a sampling of the collection at the ACPL and is added daily. And, it is in Fort Wayne. A bonus to us Hoosiers.

*Barbara...*

## Library fund .... cont. from page one

Anyone can give to this worthwhile project, and their names will be placed on a plaque to hang in the archive library. If you would care to contribute, send a check or money order and please indicate that you would like give to the library fund.

At this present date we would like to thank the following people for their generous contribution to the Besançon Historical Society's library fund. They are: **Fay McCallister, Eleanor Vanhorn, Mary J. Novosel, Phillip and Tamyra Jauregu, Rev. James Lothamer, Ron Venderly, Darice L. Kabisch, Leslie L. Hormann, Jeanette M. Venderly, Gene Yoquelet and Theresa Martin.**

*Gene Yoquelet*

## yesteryears ...

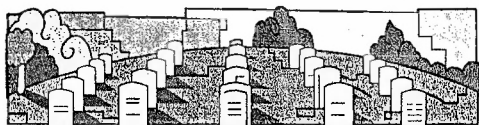
From "ALLEN COUNTY TIMES" May 19, 1960

### GLADIEUX BUILDING SOLD

**J.W. Johnston**, proprietor of the Johnson 5 cent to \$1 store at 505 Broadway, has announced the purchase of a two-story brick building at the corner of Broadway and Main streets here (New Haven, IN).

Site of this building is within 85 feet of where the old Wabash-Erie Canal ran in 1839. A wooden bridge was across the canal at the point, and the land was first platted March 16, 1839. The first buildings were placed on the site prior to 1864, with **Volney and Jessie C. Powers** listed as owners. At the time of Powers death in 1878, an operating flour gristmill was on the site. Powers' half interest in the lot was disposed of in estate procedures, and a notice of the sale was posted, among other places, "on the big tree at the north-east corner of Calhoun Street and West Berry Street in Fort Wayne.

The property was acquired by **Elias and Allen Hartzell**, who in turn sold it Powers' widow, along with 'hay stacks, boiler, stone, stable



Familiar Names Found in a local cemetery in  
L'Isle-sur-Doubs, France

Magin	Petitjean
Sallot	Sauvagot
Sarrazin	Perriguet
Martin	Jacquey
Paillot/Pailloz	
Roy	
Reuille	

*contributed by Joan Monnier*

and the wood and brick located on the lot". the abstracts reads. **Edward A. (Pete) Gladieux** acquired the property in 1919.

In the late 1920's the old Hoosier grocery store occupied the building, then the Kroger Company until 1952.

From "ALLEN COUNTY TIMES" Oct 6, 1960

### LOCAL CHURCH STONE LAYED CENTURY AGO:

History rears its nostalgic head in these columns this week with a bit of information discovered by **Rev. Fr. Donald Isenbarger**. Father Isenbarger contribution comes from a story in the old Fort Wayne Sentinel and is dated October 13, 1860. The story tells of the corner stone laying of the first permanent Catholic church in New Haven. (St. John The Baptist Catholic Church). It states:

"Yesterday a large number of our Catholic friends went to New Haven to assist in laying the corner stone of a Catholic church in that village. Two canal boats were crowded to their utmost capacity.

"Ceremonies were conducted by **Bishop Luers, Rev Fr Wentz** and a clergyman from abroad. Addresses were made in English and German. Everything passed off pleasantly.

"The edifice is to be of brick and will be about the size of the first German Catholic church in this city. We congratulate our New Haven friends on their enterprise".

### 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

*I found 2000 new cousins! by Debbie Roy Lloyd...*

Dear Members of Besançon Historical Society,

I have found many new relatives on the Internet! For several years, I have been working on a number of family trees - when almost all of your ancestors are rooted in the Saint Louis Besançon parish, it is difficult not to follow as many of them as you can! My grandparents were **Clarence and Lucy (Jacquay) Roy** and **Adrian and Lucille (Voirol) Roussey**. All Besançon people.

Several months ago, I did an ancestor search on the 'Net and came across a database on the Franche-Comte area of France. Immediately, I discovered that the **Joseph Girardot** family came from a small town of Viethorey, near Besançon, France. (Joseph's oldest daughter, **Francoise**, married **Francois Roy** in Viethorey, thus my connection to the Girardot's). From this database, I found Joseph and **Reine Jacoutot** had two more children than what I ever knew. In Pittsburgh where I live, we have a branch of the Family History library where I can borrow microfilm from the Utah branch. I verified it - the Girardot's are from Viethorey!

At the same time, the Besançon Historical newsletter published that the Roussey's were from Bournois - very near Viethorey. So, of course, I ordered the Bournois microfilm and found many Roussey births, marriages, and deaths. I found the names of **Pierre Louis'** father, **Andre** and grandfather, **Pierre**. Guess what? They, too, were in the database.

During this time, I was Emailing one of the people who seems to make many contributions to this database; she is **Monique Sancey**. When I informed her that not only was I related to Joseph Girardot, but that I also was related to Andre Roussey in the database; I received a very excited Email back - Yes, I am related to her too!! Andre's wife was **Anne Claude Jenneret**. Monique's maiden name was Jeanneret. I went back to the database, and the Jenneret family has a very detailed lineage. I have not exactly counted all the people, I have 32 single-spaced pages of new relatives, and estimate there are about 2000 names. Monique and I are eighth cousins, once removed!

This database is full of names that are very familiar to me, having grown up in the Monroeville/Besançon area. I recommend it to anyone doing research with Besançon roots. It was developed by a man named **Pierre Bourgeois**, who lives in the South Pacific, but has Franche-Comte ties. You can find it by going to [hht://www.racines.net/](http://www.racines.net/), and working your way to the database. Good Luck!

I am interested in communicating with anyone who is working on any of the same family lines that I am - Roussey, Voirol, Roy, Girardot, and Jacquay. My Email address is: [debbll@aol.com](mailto:debbll@aol.com) and my mailing address is 2114 Carriage Hill Road, Allison Park, PA 151101

## *Descendants of Joseph Girardot*

### *Generation No. 1*

**1. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> GIRARDOT** (*JOSEPH<sup>1</sup>*) was born June 05, 1807 in Viethorey, France, and died May 19, 1884 in New Haven, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana. He married **REINE VICTOIRE JACOUTOT**, daughter of **ETIENNE JACOUTOT** and **URSULE GIRARDOT**. She was born January 18, 1808 in Viethorey, France, and died September 18, 1895 in New Haven, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana.

Children of JOSEPH GIRARDOT and REINE JACOUTOT are:

- i. **FRANCOISE CLAUDE<sup>3</sup> GIRARDOT**, b. April 17, 1829, Viethorey, France; d. April 25, 1914, New Haven, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana; m. **FRANCOIS ALEXANDER ROY**, October 07, 1850.
- ii. **ETIENNE GIRARDOT**, b. October 21, 1831, Viethorey, France; d. July 28, 1891, DeKalb County, Auburn, Indiana; m. **ROSE THIEBAUT**.
- iii. **THERESE GIRARDOT**, b. September 25, 1833, Viethorey, France.
- iv. **FRANCOISE PELAGIE GIRARDOT**, b. September 25, 1835, Viethorey, France; d. October 28, 1927, Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana; m. **JEAN BAPISTE BEUGNOT**, November 27, 1856.
- v. **CHARLES JOSEPH GIRARDOT**, b. December 02, 1837, Viethorey, France; d. September 19, 1910, Besançon, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana; m. **FRANCES ANNE CONVERSE**, July 23, 1860, St Louis Catholic Church, Besançon, New Haven, Indiana.
- vi. **CLEMENCE GIRARDOT**, b. September 25, 1839.
- vii. **CLAUDE FRANCOIS GIRARDOT**, b. July 06, 1841, Viethorey, France; d. March 04, 1932, Denver, Colorado; m. **PHILOMENE VINOT**, February 13, 1866, New Haven, Allen County, Indiana.
- viii. **JEAN-CLAUDE JULES GIRARDOT**, b. April 16, 1843, Viethorey, France; d. April 15, 1935, Besançon, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana; m. (1) m. **ADELAIDE MARIE (SALLOT) BOBAY**, January 28, 1869, St Louis Catholic Church, Besançon, New Haven, Indiana. m. (2) **MARIE BOISSENET**;
- ix. **JUSTIN GIRARDOT**, b. June 25, 1845, Viethorey, France; d. December 20, 1912, DeKalb County, Auburn, Indiana; m. **AMELIE BEUGNOT**, November 17, 1868.
- x. **MARIE EMILIE GIRARDOT**, b. February 11, 1847, Viethorey, France; d. February 13, 1939, Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana; m. **AUGUSTE J. LANTERNIER**.
- xi. **EMILE JOSEPH GIRARDOT**, b. December 24, 1850, Viethorey, France.



*"En Bien Emer" old French for "to guard or encircle with love"*

*Begues world wide! by Jerry Begue...*

With the invention of the Internet, I found the Begue's now live all over the world, but they all came from France originally. About 200 live in the USA, and there are at least three Jerry Begues'! **Jerry Begue** in Slidel, LA and I have become very good friends over the last five years, but we have found our ancestors came from very different areas of France that we are probably NOT related. However, we have a picture of my father, **Ralph J. Begue** when he was 21 years old and it looks just like Jerry when he was that age!

I have not meet the 'other' Jerry Begue, but have corresponded with his cousins in Ohio, and we may possibly be related going back to the 1830's in France. We have not come up with any information to prove the relationship, but I have seen Jerry's picture and he looks a lot like my older brother, **Ronald**.

On a trip to Germany in 1998, I looked up Begue in the German phone book for the Stuttgart area and was shocked to find quite a few listings for the name; one of them was Begue's Bistro in Waiblingen. What the heck, it is a Bistro, it is not like going up to someone's door and asking if we are related, and it is a Saturday afternoon! We make a short drive to Waiblingen, and arrive about mid afternoon. The Bistro is right downtown and it looks OK from the outside; much chrome and light colored tile. Very pretty. The waitress brings the menu and we order drinks and when she comes back with our meal order, I ask in my broken German/English if the owner's name is Begue? "Yes, but he's not here today, he's busy in the garden". Very proper, but I bought it. We ordered and were having a very good lunch when a car pulled up to the front of the Bistro and a tall gentleman in his late 30's, got out and came inside. He had a beard and a leather jacket, very western. He spoke to the waitress and then came over to our table and introduced himself. His name was **Andreas Begue**, the brother of the owner, **Bernard Begue** and that Bernard was at a big soccer game in Munich and would not be back until Sunday, but they would all be very interested in talking to someone outside of the immediate family with the same last name. I explained I had business in Dusseldorf, but would be back that way the following week, just a day before our flight back home. Andreas asked me to call his brother.

We were in Germany for 23 days, and it rained every day. It finally caught up with us on the one day we were to call the Begues. Flood water had closed the river to barge traffic, the Autobahn to Stuttgart was detoured. We were late, but when we called Bernard he and dinner was waiting for us! In fact, the whole family was waiting for us. Bernard, his wife, his mother, **Ruth Begue**, and two of his three daughters. They laughed at my German. All of them could speak better English, including their mother. Immediately their mother told me the story of her romance and marriage to Mr. Begue from Paris, France. He was a soldier in the French Army that was captured in WWII by the Germans. Ruth's parents owned the coal company in the town and they allowed the young POW to work for the company. They fell in love. After the war they married. Mr. Begue never went back to France, he knew his family would treat him like a traitor. He continued to work for the family coal business, and later added heating oil. He ran the company after Ruth's parents retired. The company is still in the family and the office is right next door to the Bistro. After only a few hours, they decided we were cousins, and it didn't matter if we were related!

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*Descendants of Marie Louisa Jeudy*

Submitted by **Gerald W. Begue**, Great Great Grandchild of Marie Louisa Jeudy Begue Didier.

*Generation No. 1*

**1. MARIE LOUISA<sup>2</sup> JEUDY** (*DEILE<sup>1</sup>*) was born January 15, 1820 to **Deile** and **Francoise (Monner) Jeudy** in Etueffont-Haut, Belfort, France, and died September 09, 1888 in Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana. She is buried in the Old Cemetery, St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon. She married (1) **JEAN CLAUDE BEGUE** May 12, 1840 in Etueffont-Haut, Belfort, France, son of **ANDRE BEGUE** and **MARIE GAIBLE**. He was born July 26, 1804 in Etueffont-Haut, Belfort, France, and died November 01, 1864 in Frenchtown, Darke County, Ohio. He is buried in Holy Family Catholic Cemetery, Frenchtown, Ohio. She married (2) **ALEXIS DIDIER** June 25, 1871 in Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana. He was born 1821 in Belfort, France, and died November 12, 1886 in Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana.

Children of MARIE JEUDY and JEAN BEGUE are:

i. **JEAN CLAUDE DEILE<sup>3</sup> BEGUE**, b. October 1841, Etueffont-Haut, Belfort, France; d. October 27, 1841.

ii. **JEAN CLAUDE JOSEPH BEGUE**, b. January 19, 1845, Ward #2, Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio; d. May 30, 1915.  
Burial: St. Johns Catholic Cemetery, New Haven, Indiana

iii. **JEAN BAPTISTE BEGUE**, b. November 24, 1848, Frenchtown, Darke County, Ohio; d. November 02, 1917. Baptism: December 17, 1848, Holy Family Catholic Church, Frenchtown, Ohio. Burial: Greenmount Cemetery, Durango, La Plata County, Colorado

iv. **EUGENIA BEGUE**, b. February 23, 1851, Frenchtown, Darke County, Ohio; she was baptised February 27, 1851, Holy Family Catholic Church, Frenchtown, Ohio and d. September 09, 1920, Frenchtown, Darke County, Ohio; m. **FRANK BERGER**. Both Eugenia and Frank Berger are buried in Holy Family Catholic Cemetery, Frenchtown, Ohio

v. **JEAN CLAUDE NICHOLAS BEGUE**, b. December 14, 1854, Frenchtown, Darke County, Ohio. He was baptized at the Holy Family Catholic Church. No other record appears, and it is assumed that he died shortly after birth. No record of burial has been found.

Notes for MARIE LOUISA JEUDY: In 1844 **Jean Claude Begue, Marie Louisa Juedy Begue**, and her stepson, **Jean Claude** (1825-1880) immigrated to the United States. It is written that they set sail from the port of Le Harve, France and landed in New Orleans, Louisiana, March 1, 1844. From there they traveled to Dayton, Ohio, possibly by boat up the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

On November 10, 1845 **Jean Claude** and **Maria Louisa** purchased 40 acres of land near Frenchtown, Darke County, Ohio and they attended Holy Family Catholic Church in Frenchtown, Ohio.

On March 02, 1871, **Marie Louisa** sold the 40 acres of land near Frenchtown, Ohio. She moved to Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana near the St. Louis Besancon Church. It is assumed that she lived with her stepson, **Jean Claude Begue**, and his wife, **Marie Beugnot Begue** and family. A land map dated 1880 indicates 80 acres, immediately east of St. Louis Besançon Church were owned by Jean Claude Begue.

On April 21, 1871, a court record from Darke County, Ohio indicates **Marie Louisa Begue** was living in Allen County, Indiana. Her son, **Joseph**, and his wife, **Elizabeth Goubeaux Begue**, daughter, **Eugenie** and her husband, **Frank Berger**, and son, **Jean Baptiste Begue** had all moved to the New Haven/Besançon area. Records indicate that all the male relatives were employed by concerns of their half brother and brother-in-law, **Jean Claude Begue** in his barrel and stave manufacturing operation, or in the City of New Haven government.

Notes for ALEXIS DIDIER: **Alexis Didier** immigrated to America through the port of New York in November, 1853. By 1860 he was farming in Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana. A land map dated 1880 indicates that Alexis Didier owned the property immediately to the north and west of the St. Louis Catholic Church. Alexis was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church in 1868 and rented Pew #43 in 1870 - 1871. Alexi Didier donated to the construction of the present Church and has a window in his honor. He was about 57 years old when he and Marie Louisa were married. They had no children. No other record of marriage has been found for Alexis Didier. His will does not indicate any heirs other than his wife, Marie Louisa. Burial: Old Cemetery, St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon

(Documents provided by **Marianne Doyle**, French Ancestors Newsletter, Etueffont Civil Records, **Ruth C. Schielz** and **Lois Ann Baker** of Darke County, Ohio. Records from the Catholic Churches of Darke County, Ohio. **Gertrude Elizabeth Begue Brandel** and **Mary Jane Vanatta** of Orlando, Florida. The History of Allen County, 1880, "Windows of the Past", and documents from the Fort Wayne Public Library.)



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We have written every year at Christmas and exchanged gifts. It has been a great relationship, with a great family in Germany. Since that visit to Germany I have found information that my Begue ancestors were from the Belfort area and that our families were probably not related. My son, **Kurt** recently looked through the photo album of the Germany trip and asked: "Who is this?" "**Bernard Begue** in Germany", I told him. He said, "He looks so much like an older version of me." Who knows? Perhaps we are related.



## Friends of Besançon ...

*Welcome to New Members:* **Linda A. Weilbaker**, 11017 Leo Road, Ft. Wayne, IN 46845, **Jim and Joyce Martin**, 16913 Edgerton Road, New Haven, IN 46774, and **Ronald E. Venderly**, 1528 Shingle Oak Pointe, Ft. Wayne, IN 46814. **Susan & Joseph Beauchot**, 214 North St., R.R. #3, Monroeville, IN 46773, **Pat & Steven Ladig**, 16409 Lincoln Hwy E., New Haven, IN 46774, **Judith Schroff**, 12420 Johnson Road, Churubusco, IN 46723. **Angela R. Shoults**, 961 US Hwy 16 East, Worland, WY 82401-9585. **Mary Jane Vanatta**, 1537 Henry Balch Drive, Orlando, FL 32810. Also, **James E. Voirol**, 40 Krotona Road, Ojai CA 93023 and **Ronald E. Venderly** are now Lifetime Members of Besançon Historical Society.

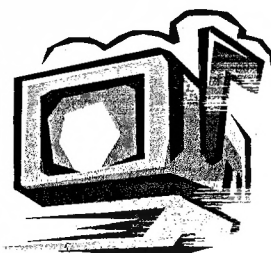
*Recently acquired: Two family genealogies.* Two more family genealogies have been donated to the archives by **Rev. Jim Lothamer**, author "**Westrick Family Branches in the U.S.**". by way of **Franz Westrick's** mother, **Theresa Westrich** and "**Westrich Family Branches in the U.S.**" by way of **Franz Westrick's** father. Thank you, Father Jim.

The archive library of "Family Genealogies" supported by the Besançon Historical Society welcomes all family genealogies, particularly of those people in East Allen County. The library would like to become a depository for your family records/genealogies. Please contact **Gene Yoquelet**, 260-622-4068 or **Jeff Hoffman**, 260-493-3685.

*Editor's note:* While I was editing Debbie's letter with the information about Joseph Gerardot, I noticed the one son, Justin, had lived in Auburn, Indiana. That sounded familiar. My husband, Mitch had recently researched the family line of Crowl and Link, and I knew some of the family lived in Auburn. I found **Justin and Amelia Beugnot Gerardot** had one son, **Joseph Gerardot** b: July 31, 1873. He married **Matilda Sophia Link**, daughter of **David and Louisa (Wherley) Link**. When I did a 'kinship' report of Matilda Link Gerardot, I found Mitch and Matilda Link Gerardot were *half 1st cousins, three times removed, so that makes Mitch and Joseph Gerardot half 2nd cousins twice removed!* (just take my word on that). Now, it doesn't end there - knowing how many Gerardots there were in the Besançon area, I began to look at my files. Debbie and I Emailed back and forth, and before long we discovered our grandmothers: **LUCY AGNES JACQUAY** and **SARAH AMANDA ROSE** were second cousins!! Debbie's line would be **George E. Snider and Elisabeth Platt**, my line would be: **James N. Snider and Susanna Linn**. George and James were brothers, and were the sons of **John Schineider/Snyder and Elizabeth Schroyer**. At the rate we are going Debbie can claim she discovered another 2000 cousins!! "*It's a small world after all, it's a small, small world*".

All officers are now on the Internet: Let us know how we are doing!

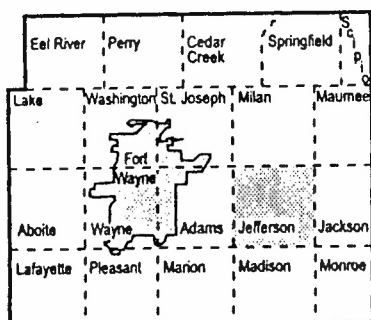
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# BESANÇON, INDIANA CHRONICLES

## 1910 U.S. Census Index; Allen County, IN

Enumeration District No 7 Jefferson Twp. from "Allen County Lines"  
Quarterly of the Allen Co. Genealogical Society March, 1998



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of household occupa-  
tions listed as "farmer."

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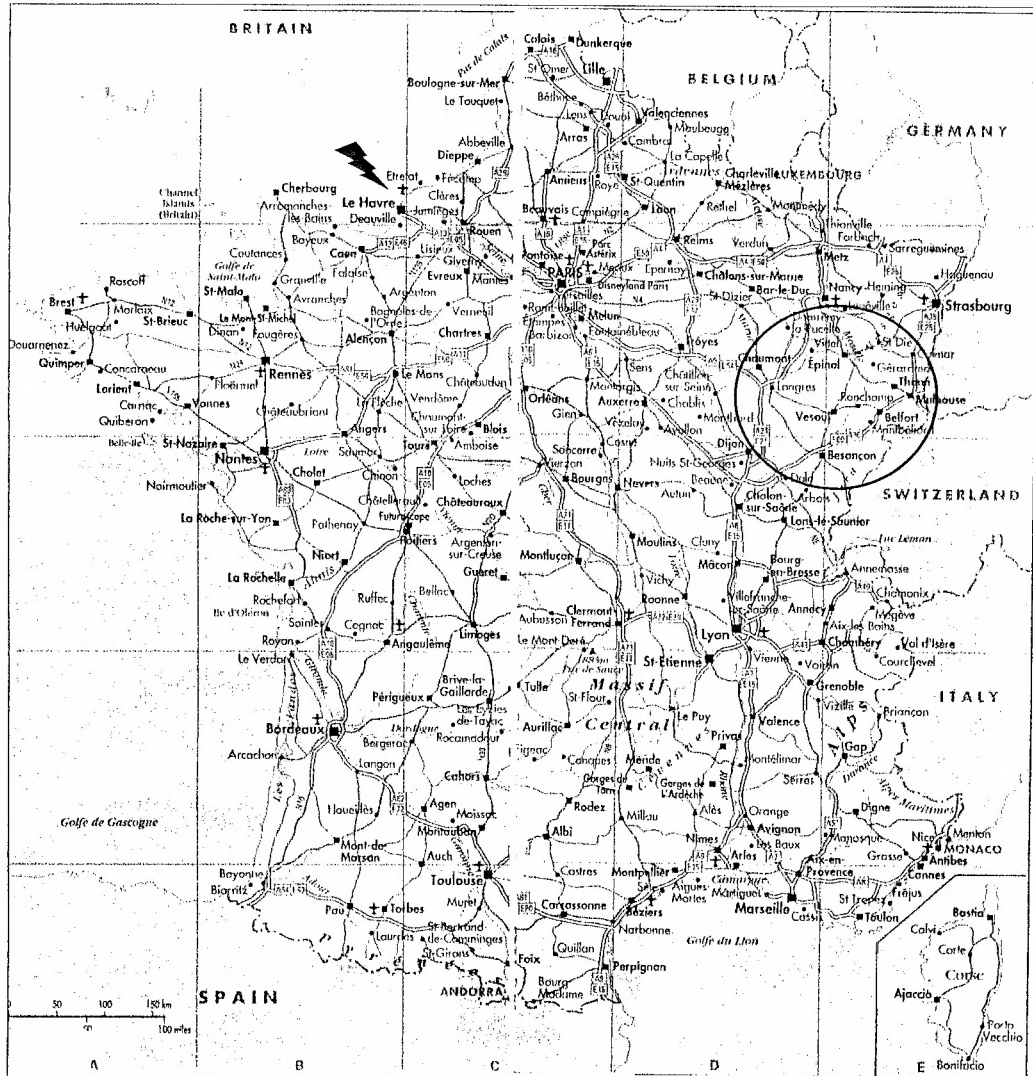
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## A quick geography lesson...

France has a largely hexagonal shape and shares borders with six countries (Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Italy and Spain). It is about the size of our state of Texas; the country is divided into 22 administrative regions, roughly based on the country's historical divisions. The regions are then broken down into départements; 96 in all; with another five in overseas territories. The one we are the most interested in is Franche - Comté in the eastern part of France. Within in this region there are four départements: Doubs, Jura, Haute-Saône and Territoire De Belfort. Located with Alsace to the north, Burgundy to the west, Rhone Alpes to the south and a 143 miles border with Switzerland to the east. The region was annexed to France in 1678, by Louis XIV. Franche - Comté is divided in two, with rolling farmland in the Saône Valley and high Alpine scenery to the east. Besançon has been the capital since the 17th century. Belfort, about a 45 minute drive from Besançon, is another major city. Vesoul will be the other landmark in our search for the homes, farms and villages of our forefathers.

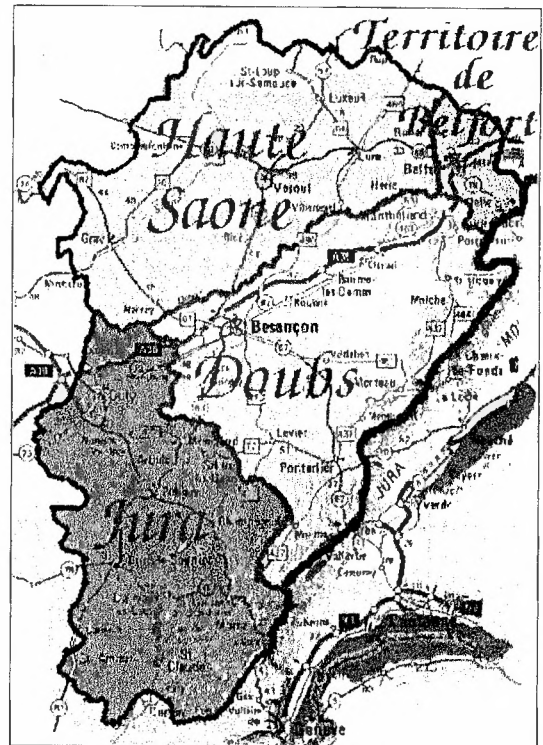
## Franche-Comté...

Gene Yoquelet tells us the Franche-Comté reminds him of our own state of Kentucky. It is of two regions - the high valley of the Saone is wide and gently rolling with a rural setting of farms, and the Jura (meaning "forest" in Gaulish language) is mountainous, with waterfalls, lakes, rivers, caves and forests.

We begin with Belfort Territory. On the doorsteps of Alsace, Germany, and Switzerland, it is a land rich in history and heritage. The city of Belfort is divided by the Savoureuse River and has served as an important fortress controlling the route between the Vosges and Jura. Saint Christophe Cathedral was built between 1727 and 1752 with sandstone from Vosges Mountains. It contains an organ of inestimable value, originally built by Valtrin in 1749. In front of the Belfort castle, sits the famous "Lion", symbol of Belfort. Until 1870-71, Belfort belonged to the Department of Haute-Rhin. It was the chief city that the emigrants from the area as well as Germany, and the French Jura of Switzerland had to register in order to gain passport to America or other countries.

The Haute Saône identifies itself as a "green island", between the Jura and Voges. The city of Vesoul lies in the valley of the Durgeon (a tributary of the Saône) where the hill "La Motte" dominates the valley. The Grotte de Solborde can be found a short distance from Vesoul. Discovered in 1663, the cave has become a important area for pilgrimage after a very old statue of the Virgin Mary was found hidden underground, to protect her from invaders.

Doubs (pronounced "doo") is set in the heart of the region, with Besançon as the capital and the site of the Catholic Diocese, Saint Jeans Cathedral. Its border with Switzerland extends about 110 miles. The exact origins of Besançon remain a mystery, but Julius Caesar (100-44 B.C.) wrote a chapter about his besieging the town in his book, "The Gallic War". Roman ruins may still be found in the city near the cathedral and Cidadel. Gene Yoquelet mentions you may take the auto-bon from Belfort to Besançon in 45 minutes. Another route follows the Doubs River and goes through many smaller villages.



Jura, the Jura mountains form a 143 mile natural border with Switzerland, in geologic time this is the origin of the Jurassic Period and has lent its name to the science fiction movie, "Jurassic Park". Cheese, wine and pipe made Jura famous. Today, a traditional, rustic way of life continues in that most peaceful, relaxing of France still little affected by tourism.

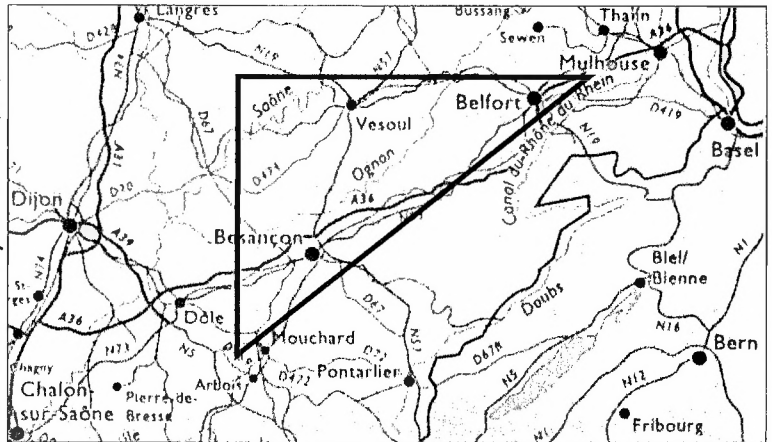
Yoquelet points out the triangle from Belfort to Vesoul to Besançon (see map, page 14) includes many of the small villages that are so important to us, our ancestry and our research. In this triangle, can be found Bournois, Couchation, Arcey, Crevans, Saulnot, Anjoutey, Rougemont le Chateau, Moncey, and Viethorey. Remember the distance between the two major cities are only about a 45 minute drive, giving you all day to explore. From Belfort to Grosne, it is about a 20 minute drive and you can walk from Grosne into Switzerland. Near Grosne is the village of Vellscot, the ancestral home of the Gladioux family.

*"one of the advantages of being disorderly  
is that one is constantly  
making exciting discoveries".*

A. A. MILNE, 1882 - 1956

*French Jura of Switzerland ... Gene Yoquelet*

To do justice to our French - Swiss ancestors I must include the 'French Jura' region of Switzerland. This region is very much like the Franche-Comté, with its people, customs and religion. Centuries ago, it also was a part of the diocese of Besançon, as this region is mainly Catholic. The city of Basel served as the main governing center of the Catholic church. Basel and Belfort are only a short distance apart. Early Roman occupation of this region may be found in St. Ursanne. The Romanesque



church and colister was founded in the 12th century, and the fortification was established much earlier. It is located along the beautiful Doubs river which acts as a boundary line between the two countries. One could actually travel from different points in Switzerland to Besançon, France by navigating this river. By traveling through St. Ursanne up to Porrentruy and on into Belfort one will be following the major route taken by many of the emigrants. From Porrentruy to Grosne we are probably no more than a 15 minute drive. Remember, Belfort served as the register center for all emigrants of this region.

The geographics of the "Jura" region looks much very much like a combination of the two regions in the French - Comté. You have the Jura Mountain range that stems from Lake Geneva up to and over from Basel to Schaffhausen. You have the numerous lakes, but the one most familiar to us of course, is Lake Geneva. From St. Ursanne I am taking a well traveled road to Moutier, population about 8900, and is one of the few larger towns in the region of Canton Jura. Moutier is important to my family history as it is where the **Yoquelet** surname derives from. In ten minutes I am leaving Moutier and arriving in the family ancestral village of Roches. Traveling North and South of Moutier are numerous small villages where one may find a number of surnames very familiar to our French ancestry research in France as well as in Allen County, Indiana. The **Beuchat** surname is found in a village just a short distance from Roches, and of course, the **Voirol** surname and ancestry is from Les Genevez. The emigrants from Vevey, Switzerland settled in Vevey, Indiana. This whole region in Switzerland had a large emigration movement at the same time as the French emigration dates.

With the emigrates language, customs and religion, it is no wonder that the two nationalities became confused in the early census records of the United States. I am discovering just how great the number is of Swiss emigrates that settled in Allen County. Perhaps one day a book may be researched and published on Swiss Ancestry in Indiana.

