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PAPER TOWNS AND GHOSTS TOWNS OF ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA- published in 1989.

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During the formative years of Allen County, many towns and communities were platted but never developed, while others became active centers of trade. Still another group came into existence without being formally platted as a town or as a village, and grew to flourishing communities. As the title of this piece tells you this is a brief article of the paper towns, or plats of proposed towns which never came into being; and the ghost towns, or communities that died out leaving little or not trace of their former existence. This information comes from many sources and the original document tells us histories, manuscripts and documents, plat books, deed records, old maps, and interviews with older residents of the county were used.

Only a few will be mentioned in this article; ones that are most directly associated with Besançon, Jackson, Washington or Jefferson Townships.

The site of the town of EAST LIBERTY was in the SW quarter of Section 29 and the NW quarter of Section 32, Monroe Twp., about 2 1/2 miles South of the town of Monroeville. **John Burger** platted the town 27 February 1848 and it contained 44 lots. A post office was established, also a tannery, a saloon, several churches, a school, and one of the largest general stores in the part of the county. When the Ohio/Indiana RR was built to Ft Wayne in 1852, the people of East Liberty expected the line to extend to their town. Instead, the line was built through Monroeville and East Liberty gradually passed out of exis-

tence, while Monroeville prospered. Today, all that remains on the site are a church and several homes.

The site of the plat of ACADEMIE was located in the SW quarter of section 2, Washington Township, on the Wallen Road at the crossing of the Ft Wayne, Jackson, and Saginaw Railroad, now the New York Central Railroad. **Samuel Carey Evans** entered the plat in 1874. It consisted of 36 lots, with two north-south streets named Railroad and Evans. **Urbine** was the only east-west street. Academie was platted with the idea that it would become a rival of Wallen, one and one-half miles west. Just one and one-half miles east was the Academy of the Sacred Heart, an institution founded and for many years maintained by the Sisters of the Holy Cross as a Catholic seminary for girls and young women. The plat was named after the institution.

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President's Message...

In the afternoon of March 23, 2003 the Besançon Historical Society and the St. Louis Catholic Church choir presented a Lenten service. **Mary Jane Novosel** gave us a French welcome speech and then, the English translation. She read the letter sent by the French Embassy in Detroit wishing us a great day and to keep the friendship alive between our two countries. **Gene Yoquelet** spoke of celebrating Lent in France. **Shirley Yoquelet** recited a parable that was very thought provoking. And the choir sang with voices that were heavenly! The choir was led by **Rita Bruggeman** and **Jane Lomont** was the organist. Refreshments were provided by members of BHS after the service in the school lunchroom.

On July 19th the French Embassy in Chicago will honor Indiana veterans who participated in the D-Day invasion at Normandy, or who helped in the liberation of France. This ceremony will be held at All Saints Catholic Church in Logansport, Indiana and is sponsored by the Indiana Veteran Service Officer's Association. Veterans must submit an application in order to receive a special certificate.

I have just read Flags of Our Fathers, by **John Bradley**. It concerns the WWII fight on Iwo Jima, and a look into the lives of the six men who raised the second flag. Yes, a larger flag replaced the small one and gave us an unforgettable picture. A statue of the flag raising stands in Arlington Cemetery today. This book brought home the horrors of war and how dedicated these men were to winning.

Since a large part of my family settled in Ohio, I have researched in many of those counties. In Ohio is the State Library and Historical Society. The State Library of Ohio has atlases, Ohio city directories, family histories, census indexes, cemetery records, military records, immigration lists, Ohio DAR collection and Ohio Huguenot Society

Society collection. The library has town records for the New England states, church records for the mid Atlantic states and county records for Ohio southern border states. The library is located at 274 East First Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201.

The web site is:

winslo.state.oh.us/services/genealogy/index.html

The Ohio Historical Society is noted for their Ohio newspaper collection. Other materials are state death certificates, military records, Ohio inmate records, land tracts, Ohio school for the deaf records, county records, Ohio census records, WPA files and Ohio Civil War pensions index. The address is: 1982 Velma Ave., Columbus, Ohio, 43211. The collection catalog can be found at: www.ohiohistory.org/occ.

The Historical Society is the same entrance as the fairgrounds. There is a museum in the same building as the Historical Society that is worth a look. However, the pioneer village on the grounds of the museum is closed because the funds have been cut.

I hope everyone has a great summer. *Barbara*

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

Established: 1994

Yesteryears ...

copied and submitted by Jane Morow

Ft Wayne News
July 6, 1905

FAMILY REUNION

Was Somewhat Delayed But None the Less Joyous.

Yesterday afternoon **Xavier Reuille**, aged twelve, and **Claude Reuille**, arrived in Fort Wayne over the Wabash to meet their mother and she could not be found. They had been in an orphans' home in Buffalo and reached here penniless. The money sent to them by their mother had been used in paying their way to this city. There is no such a name in the new city directory and **Township Trustee Gearin** took the boys in charge and placed them at the Weber hotel over night. The boys wept bitterly and it was difficult to console them. Trustee Gearin this morning learned that their mother, **Mrs. Elizabeth Reuille** had just purchased one of the Mason farms near Academie, this county, for the purpose of making a home for her two sons. Her husband was killed three years ago and in order to take care of her family she was forced to place her children in an orphans home near Buffalo. After accumulating a sum of money to make a payment on the farm

she bought it and sent for her sons. She instructed the authorities to send her two boys direct to Fort Wayne. When she did so she thought that the Nickel Plate was the only through route and the boys would come on that road. She was at each of the three trains yesterday and went home with a sad heart because her children did not arrive. She was overcome with joy when Trustee Gearin took her two boys to the farm north of the city this afternoon.

Note: **Mrs. Reuille** was the former **Catherine Pettijean**. Her husband, **Louis Simon Reuille** was killed in a farming accident, in 1901. These children were grandsons of **Jane Morow's** great-great grandfather, **Joseph Reuille**.

Ft Wayne News January 05, 1897
Miss Dora Isenberger of Monroeville, who has been a guest of her uncle, **Dr Van Buskirk**, left today for the Angola Normal School. (Tri-State) ...

Weekly Sentinel Oct 29, 1879
STOLEN - A set of harness from **Louis Pepe**, in Washington Twp. A reward of \$10 will be given for the return of the harness, and \$20 reward for the arrest of the thief and return of the harness to **LOUIS PEPE**.

THE MONROEVILLE NEWS

June 21, 1913 ... **Mr and Mrs Morris Rose** are at Logansport attending the **Chapman** family reunion.

JOURNAL GAZETTE June 3 1907

At the **Fred Renier** home at this place (Tillman Station) Tuesday evening a large crowd of young people were entertained during the evening by dancing and games. Those present were **Laura and Lillie Ternet, Anna and Lizzie Giant, Lucy Jacquay, Anna Shirley, Rose Lomont, Lela Gladieux, Irene Roy, Lucetta Rorick, Clara and Lizzie Pepe, Tracy Giant, Henry and William Girardot, Charles Yoquelet, Chester Girardot, Frank and Eli Giant, Lester Jacquay, Clarence Roy, John Lomont, John Miller, Eli Monnier, Frank Roy, George Merrilat, Clarence Lesh, Ameil Miller, Oscar Urbine, Gronier Lesh, Simon Gibson, George Shirley, James Smyth, James Lothamer, Louis Ternet, August Dodane, Adolph Wagner, and Nelson Miller.** ... Invitations are out announcing the marriage of **Francis Moldency and Tracy Monnier**. Both are well known people of Jefferson township.

February 10 1907

Relatives here have received word from **Herman A Bau-chot**, who joined the navy nearly two years ago. He has been stationed at New York for the past five months, but was ordered to Porto Rico, where he sailed on the gunboat, **Charlestown**. He tells of many wonderful sights while sailing to Porto Rico.



More yesteryears ...

copied and submitted by Jane Morow

Fort Wayne Daily Gazette 7/21/1881

All on Account of Louisa.

Louisa Pepe thinks **Edward Hippenbaum** ought to pay her \$5,000 for lacerating her heart to a terrible extent. The confiding Louisa states in her complaint filed yesterday in the superior court that the artful Edward wooed and won her maiden affections and that with lip glued to lip the twain on the 24th of October last swore eternal fealty to one another and entered into a matrimonial contract to be consummated either on the joyous Xmas day past, or on January 1st, of the present year. The natal day of our Lord passed by and so did the opening of the new year. Edward presumably made good resolutions and eschewed his bad habits for a time, but he forgot poor pining Louisa, who alone and desolate in her papa's parlor with the light turned down, sat pensive and anxious. Her Edward had evidently given her the shake unmistakable and his continual absence caused Louisa to grow pale and the contour of her form to lose more or less of its plumpness. One day some mercenary friend whispered, "Sue him for damages," and Louisa bent her ear and listened. Her appetite grew better, her avoirdupois increased, the roses bloomed again

on her cheeks, and she hied her to those eminent counselors, **Coombs, Morris & Bell**, related her tale and the men of law speedily drew up a complaint for violation of the marriage contract, asking \$5,000 damages. If Edward is made to pay Louisa that snug little sum, she can speedily catch on to anything in the shape of masculinity, even to a talented reporter.

Ft Wayne JG 09/09/1906

TILLMAN STATION

Mrs. Louis J. Gladieux, of Besançon, held the lucky number which drew the large picture of the **Rev Benya**, which was given away Monday at the Besançon picnic. The Rev Benya was the first pastor sent to Besançon a number of years ago.

Mrs Warren Bowers, of near Baldwin, who had the misfortune of getting her leg broken in a runaway accident which caused the death of her husband, is again able to be about her home ... **Charles Yoquelet** and **Daisy Bieber**, of Dawkin's Station and **Minnie Snyder**, of Grabil, were entertained at the **Eldridge Peters** home Sunday ... **Lafe Bacon** called on his parents **Charles Bacon** and wife, of Smyth's Mill, Saturday evening.

Lucy Jacquay spent a portion of last week with **Myrtle Martin** and **Pearl Lomont**, of Monroeville. ...

Ft. Wayne JG 09/22/1916

ZULU NEWS ... Mr Frank Gremaux and **Mr Peter E Urbine, Jr** were threshing clover for **Joseph Coulardot**, **Edward Monnot** and **Cletus Tenet** last week. ... **Mr Geo Townsend** hauled wood for No 4, No 8 and No 9 schools this week.

Ft. Wayne JG 07/22/1906

ACADEMIE NEWS ... Master Bernard Reuille killed a huge rattlesnake last week. He secured fourteen rattles.... Some of our people attended the Leo festival, among them being **Mr and Mrs Isadore**, **Miss Agnes Oddour**, **Mrs P Bobay**, **Mrs Reuille**, **Mrs Diebold**, the **Misses Alice and Grace Martin**, **Clarence Martin**, **Adolph Grosjean**, and family, **Eugene Reuille**, **Miss Kate Didier** and **Frank Miller**.

Ft Wayne JG 12/10/1905

MAPLES NEWS ... Miss Minnie Holmes spent Sunday with **Miss Fay Guenther**. ... **Mr Victor Parnin** moved his family to Ft Wayne last Monday. ... **Mr Arthur Middleton**, the well known hunter, shot seven rabbits last Sunday.

Ft Wayne Sentinel 07/16/1909

Deputy Sheriff Huguenard was today surprised by having delivered to him a handsome engraving which he was told he had drawn at the church fair held at Besançon last week. It is a representation of the "Lord's Supper" and is a very handsome piece of art.



Friends of Besançon ...

Welcome: Rita Scheel, 20467 E. Briarwood Ave., Aurora, CO. 80016-1703.

Email: ritascheel@mac.com. Her relatives, surnames, **Girard** and **Reuille** have lived in the Besançon area since coming to America. One other line she is interested in is **Thiebaud**. ... **Curt M. Crowl**, 45407 Cass, Utica, MI. 48317. ... He is a descendant of the **Lomont** and **Rausis/Rose** families. ... **Our sympathies:** to the family of **Carlton M. Giant**. Please see our tribute to Carlton on page 16. **Correction:** ... **Sue Downey** is the *great-granddaughter* of **William and Anna Ryan Townsend**, not the granddaughter!! ... Please note my Email address change: joycejcrowl@earthlink.net. ... **Congratulations:** **Tamyr and Phil Jauregui** on the birth of their daughter, **Jessica Irene**, born March 28, 2003; and soon to be bringing home a big sister for Jessica, from Azerbaijan!! ... **Thank You ... Donald Fry** for his donation to the library fund! and to **Jim Leavell** who donated two outstanding research genealogies: One is on the **Dominique and Catherine Dubois Urbine Family** of Alsace-Lorraine, France and the other on the **Jean Nicolas and Jeanne Bouhelier Martin Family**, also of Alsace-Lorraine.... **New acquisitions:** "Lawrence Jacquet and Rosalie Pequigny" author, Dr. John Terence Golden of Columbus Ohio and "Catholic Cemetery in Versailles, Ohio" by Lois Ann Baker and Jac Baker **Change in address:** **John Monnot** 30 Country Club Drive, Fairfield, CA 94534-1306.**Special Thanks - Again - Jane Morow**, for searching, copying and submitting all the interesting news items, plus obituaries from the early 1900's; this month alone, we added over 45 more obituaries of people of Jefferson township to our database.



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

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attn.: Treasurer, Besançon Historical Society

Samuel Bacon
Civil War Veteran

*Civil War Veteran Allen County, Indiana 1889 GC 977.201 AL5C
submitted by Barbara Gorney*

Samuel Bacon living in this county at the time of enlistment, volunteered at Ft Wayne, Ind, in August, 1864 in Co H, 91st Ind, V. I. which was attached to the 23d A. C.; promoted corporal. He was in the hospital in Indianapolis, Camp Carrington, with rheumatism and measles, furloughed from there in December, 1864, for 60 days, and rejoined his command in March, 1865, at Kinston, NC. In July, 1865, he was transferred to Co D, 124th Ind, discharged in September, following, at Greensboro, NC; member of Jesse Adams Post, No 493, G.A.R.

Samuel Bacon was born in Detroit, Mich, Oct 10, 1834. His parents were **Socrates and Ann (Earp) Bacon**, both now deceased. His wife, whom he married July 14, 1873, was born in New York, March 25, 1855, the daughter of **Victor and Lucy (Barbriet) Didier**, both of whom are living. There are four children by this marriage, born in the order named: **Albert S., Ephraim J., Arthur C., Daisy J.** By a former marriage with **Virginia Gerardot** there are five children, namely, **Charles S., Lewis, Mary L., Anna C., and Lucy J.** Mr. Bacon is a farmer, and his post office address is Maples, Allen County, Ind.

From the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette May 09, 1923, page 3.
Researched and submitted by Barbara Gorney.

CLASS AT BESANÇON

CONFIRMED BY BISHOP

Sacrament Administered to 44;
Local Clergy Assist at the Solemnities.

Rev Bishop Herman Joseph Alerding on Tuesday morning administered the sacrament of confirmation to a class of 42 boys and girls and two adults at St. Louis' church, Besançon. Attended by a large congregation, solemn high mass, coram episcopo (in the presence of the bishop), was celebrated at 9:30 o'clock by **Rev. Michael J. Aichinger**, pastor, St. John's church, New Haven, **Rev. Charles Marr**, pastor, St. Rosa church, Monroeville, was deacon, masters of ceremonies. Rev. at St. Mary's church in this city, subdeacon: **Rev. John Edw Dillon**, the chancellor, and **Rev. J Nicholas Allgeler**, pastor of Besançon, masters of ceremonies. **Rev. Henry A. Hoerstman**, pastor of St. Andrew's church in this city, delivered the sermon. **Rev Bernard Wiedau**, pastor emeritus of St. John's church. New Haven, assisted in the sanctuary.

Following the mass Bishop Alerding administered confirmation. The children in the class were as followed:

Boys - **Elmer Bowers, Ralph Dager, Leon DeNeve, Walter Dodane, Cletus Frane, Leslie Frane, Alden Giant, Howard Gerardot, Andrew Gerardot, Carl Gerardot, Manfred Gerardot, Ernest Gladieux, Kenneth Gremeaux, Clarence Kennerk, Julian Kline, Amos Kline, Norbert Lomont, Edward Lomont, Julian Lothamer, Virgil Louraine, Orlando Lopshire, Norbert Ort, Bernardt Ort, Leslie Pepe, Wilbur Roussel, Robert Reuille, Joseph Ternet, Edmund Voirol, Virgil Voirol, Elmer Voirol.**

Girls: **Lauvon Comment, Magdaline DeNeve, Esther Frane, Margaret Hahn, Anna Hahn, Gladys Huguenard, Otilia Johanus, Edna Lomont, Cecillia Lothamer, Mary Agnes Lopshire, Lucille Monnier, Marjorie Ryan, Emma Lothamer, Edna Voriol, Lucille Martin.**

On Trinity Sunday, May 27, a class of 26 boys and girls will receive their first holy communion and 24 children will make their solemn communion.

*Researched and submitted by Norma Qunintz, Phyllis Lallow, and Pam Folden
Norma is a member of BHS and the great-granddaughter of Augustus and Honerena Lomont Lallow*

Descendants of Claude Francois Lallos

Generation No. 1

1. **CLAUDE FRANCOIS² LALLOZ** (*CLAUDE JOSPEH¹*) He married **MARIE JOSEPHA BURCEY** October 24, 1786. She was born Abt. December 1764 in Champagney, Haute Saone, France.

Children of **CLAUDE LALLOZ** and **MARIE BURCEY** are:

- i. **MARIE FRANCOISE³ LALLOZ**, b. Abt. June 1787, Champagney, Haute Saone, France.
- ii. **JEANNE BAPTISTE LALLOZ**, b. Abt. October 1788, Champagney, Haute Saone, France.
- iii. **FRANCOISE LALLOZ**, b. Abt. July 1791, Champagney, Haute Saone, France.
2. iv. **FRANCOIS JOSEPH LALLOZ/LALLOT**, b. Abt. February 1793, Champagney, Haute Saone, France; d. Abt. May 1848, Nimishille, Stark County, Ohio.

Generation No. 2

2. **FRANCOIS JOSEPH³ LALLOZ/LALLOT** (*CLAUDE FRANCOIS² LALLOZ, CLAUDE JOSPEH¹*) was born Abt. February 1793 in Champagney, Haute Saone, France, and died Abt. May 1848 in Nimishille, Stark County, Ohio. He married **MARY ANGELINE GILLET** October 07, 1823. She was born June 04, 1800 in Champagney, Haute Saone, France, and died December 09, 1887 in Allen County, Indiana.

Notes for **FRANCOIS JOSEPH LALLOZ/LALLOT**:

Found on shipping record: They came from Le Voltaire, Havre, France to New York City July 19, 1828. The family believes that on the immigrant list that **Joe** is **Augustus C. Lallow**, and that his name was changed later. Because all the other children are so much older, perhaps he was born on the ship's crossing of the ocean. On the notes there is an *asterisk noting there were several births on the voyage - these are noted in the transcriber's notes.

This is from the Manifest of all passengers taken on board the French Le Voltaire whereof* is Master, from Havre burthen 319 35/94 Tons (19 July 1828).

Joseph Lallot, age 34, male, farmer from France

M. F. Lallot, age 27, female, from France

Rose Lallot, age 5, female

M. J. Lallot, age 3, female

Joe Lallot, 0y, 1/2 m * male (there is no notation he was born at sea, but there is an asterisk!).

Children of **FRANCOIS LALLOZ/LALLOT** and **MARY GILLET** are:

3. i. **MARY ROSANNA⁴ LALLO/LALLOT**, b. Abt. 1824, France; d. Abt. 1854.
- ii. **JULIA ANN/EUGENY LALLO/LALLOT**, b. Abt. 1827, France; d. Aft. November 07, 1912; m. **STEPHEN VARRIER/VARRIE**, February 10, 1849.
4. iii. **AUGUSTUS C. LALLOW/LALLOT**, b. Abt. 1828, Atlantic Ocean; d. November 11, 1899, Eel River, Allen County, Indiana.

Generation No. 3

3. **MARY ROSANNA⁴ LALLO/LALLOT** (*FRANCOIS JOSEPH³ LALLOZ/LALLOT, CLAUDE FRANCOIS² LALLOZ, CLAUDE JOSPEH¹*) was born Abt. 1824 in France, and died Abt. 1854. She married **JACOB HENTZELL** January 18, 1846. He was born 1820 in New Berlin, Stark County, Ohio, and died June 20, 1901 in Canton, Stark County, Ohio.

Children of **MARY LALLO/LALLOT** and **JACOB HENTZELL** are:

- i. **JOSEPH⁵ HENTZELL**, b. Abt. 1848, Ohio.
- ii. **PETER JOSEPH HENTZELL**, b. June 15, 1850, Stark County, Ohio; d. March 11, 1930, Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio; m. **SOPHIA EBNER**, November 1884; b. June 1859, W. Virginia.
- iii. **AUGUSTUS JOSEPH HENTZELL**, b. April 1852, Stark County, Ohio; d. November 22, 1900, San Francisco, California; m. **ELIZA M.**

iv. **WILLIAM HENTZELL**, b. Abt. 1854, Stark County, Ohio.

4. AUGUSTUS C.⁴ LALLOW/LALLOT (*FRANCOIS JOSEPH³ LALLOZ/LALLOT, CLAUDE FRANCOIS² LALLOZ, CLAUDE JOSPEH¹*) was born Abt. 1828 on Atlantic Ocean, and died November 11, 1899 in Eel River, Allen County, Indiana. He married **HONORENA (NORRINE) LOMONT** May 10, 1857 in St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, IN, daughter of **CLAUDE LOMONT** and **ANGELIQUE VERDI**. She was born October 19, 1838 in France, and died December 29, 1932 is buried: in Academie Cemetery, Ft Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana. **AUGUSTUS C. LALLOW/LALLOT** is buried at St. Vincent Catholic Cemetery, Washington Twp., Allen Co. Indiana.

Notes for **AUGUSTUS C. LALLOW/LALLOT**: Some spellings in research show - Lallot, Sallot, Lalloz, and possibly, Laillet. Also, one record shows his middle name as Eugene instead of C. (ref: Phyllis Lallow).

Notes for **HONORENA (NORRINE) LOMONT**: Honorena - "Morrine" found in Ft. Wayne, IN., Polk's City Directory for 1914-1915. Honorena Lallow (wid. Augustus) address: 1238 Barthold, 727 Edgewater Ave., Parish Records 8905 Auburn Rd., Pelteir Mortuary Records, Jan 1874-1938.

Children of **AUGUSTUS LALLOW/LALLOT** and **HONORENA LOMONT** are:

- i. **LEWIS J.⁵ LALLOW**, b. May 04, 1858, Allen Co., Indiana; d. August 17, 1929, Klinger Lake, White Pigeon Twp., St. Joseph Co., Michigan; m. **LYDIA ELLA JOHNSON**, July 26, 1884, Allen Co., Indiana; b. June 03, 1865, Whitley Co, Indiana; d. June 17, 1942, Sturgis, Fawn River Twp., St. Joseph Co, Michigan. He is buried in Eel River Cemetery. Churbusco, IN. Notes from Gladys Nail Lomont reveal "he was a large man".
- ii. **MARY LALLOW**, b. 1863, Allen Co., Indiana; d. Allen Co., Indiana; m. **WILLIAM MITCHELL**, June 14, 1887. Notes for **MARY LALLOW**: Mary Anna Lallow first listed in the 1870 census of Jefferson Twp. and from the notes of Gladys Nail Lomont: "Mary Lallow was a seamstress".
- iii. **CHARLES F. LALLOW**, b. 1864, Allen Co., Indiana; d. June 26, 1912, Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana; m. **KATHERINE ?**.
- iv. **JANE LALLOW**, b. 1868, Allen Co., Indiana.
- v. **EUGENE E. LALLOW**, b. November 09, 1873, Allen Co., Indiana; d. January 07, 1896, Allen Co., Indiana. Interment St. Vincent Cath Cemetery
Notes for **EUGENE E. LALLOW**: per Phyllis Lallow: Two birth dates: 9-DEC-1874. Obituary record - Ft. Wayne, IN newspapers: 1841-1900. Date of death: 7-Jan-1896 (age 22 years, 1 month, 29 days) on the tombstone. "he died young, was about the age of Jesse Lomont, I remember he lived in muck district west of Ft Wayne" (Gladys Nail Lomont)
- vi. **ALICE LALLOW**, m. **MR BERK**, 1913, Oklahoma City.
Notes for **ALICE LALLOW**: per Phyllis Lallow: possible place of residence: St. Louis, Missouri
Gladys Nail Lomont "Alice was a teacher in SW United States"
- vii. **EUGENIA L. LALLOW**, m. **WILLIAM D. MYERS**, June 18, 1901, Allen Co., Indiana.
Notes for **EUGENIA L. LALLOW**: per Phyllis Lallow: 1912 - New Castle, PA. Ashtabula, Ohio. Marriage record: Bk 24, Pg 466.



left to right: Joanne Lallow Lewis,
Norma Lallow Quintez, Frank Lallow, and
his wife, Phyllis Stockham Lallow.
1997 in Centerville, Ohio
Great-Grandchildren of Augustus and
Honorena Lomont Lallow

BESANÇON, INDIANA CHRONICLES

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including the names of the families that they are related to or are researching.

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Havert

Gladys L. Wright

Ft Wayne, In 46805
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Ossian, IN 45777
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Editor's note: Please let me know if I did not include the names you are associated with. jlc

Editor's note: In order to always promote and introduce material of interest to our readers, - you - the members of Besançon Historical Society, we are happy to include any queries to help you in your research. We welcome all of you to send in questions you might have or information you would like to share. Please contact Barb Gorney or Joyce Crowl.

QUERIES

a23 Information wanted on: **Bona LaPalillotte (Laplu)**, Mother of **Victor Martin**, who was born abt 1845, died July 24, 1924, in Allen County, IN. Husband: **Nicolas Martin**, b: 13 Oct 185 in Courchaton, France

b23 **Arlene Dodane Curts** found some interesting articles in the Louisville, Ohio Stark County newspaper, dated October, 1912 and in 1913. There are two lengthy descriptions of the second and third annual reunion of descendants of **Constantine and Seraphine Genegeuse Dodane** including all the names of those present. The article mentions the third reunion would be held in New Haven, IN. (1914) at the home of **Joseph Dodane**. **E. M. Youtz** made a group photograph. If you have any knowledge of these reunions or of the photograph, please contact Arlene. *(The one article gives much information of the history of the Dodanes, first to Ohio and then to Indiana. It will featured in a later issue).*

FAMILY HISTORIES IN THE ARCHIVES

AUGUSTYNISK, BACON, BAUER-BOWER, BANET, BARDEY, BEUGNOT, BESANSON, BEURET, BEAUCHOT-PACQUELET, BOISSENET, BOWERS (Henry), CASTLEMEN, CALHOUN-HAMILTON-BASKIN, CAYOT, CHEVILLOT, COMMENT, CONNROD (Casper), CONVERSET (Claude), CORNIELLE, COULARDOT, DODANE, FRENE, GALLAPOO, GEANT-GIANT, GIRARDOT, GLADIEUX, HAHN, HAVERT, ISABEY, JACQUET, JOLY, KLINE, LAILLOZ, LOMONT (Gladys). MAIN, MAIRE, MARITN, MAY MENEGAY, MONNOT (Frank), MONNOT (Francis), MONNOT (Prosper), PAQUELET, PERREY (Antoine), PETTIJEAN, PIOUSAILLOZ, REUILLE, RONDOT, ROUSSEY, SCHNELKER, SINGER, SNIDER, SORDELET, THIEBAUD, URBAIN, VENDERLEY, WESTRICH, URBINE VINOT, and VIOLAND.

If you would like any information on any of these families please contact Jeff Hoffman, Barb Gorney or Gene Yoquelet in care of the Besancon Historical Society. Jeff's Email is jrhoffman1137@yahoo.com

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Genealogical Quips

A family tree can wither if nobody tends its roots

A genealogist will do anything for a date

Any family tree produces some lemons, some nuts and a few bad apples

Can a first cousin, once removed be returned?

taken from American/France genealogical society genquips.

From National Genealogical Society Quarterly, 1994
by Cameron Allen. *Submitted by Barbara Gorney*

French Communities in Ohio

Families that came post Revolutionary War

BROWN COUNTY - Barber/Barbier, Bourgeois, Courtot, Druhot, Genet, Melard, Rosselot, Saulnier/Saunier.

CLERMONT COUNTY - Courtot, Freschard/Frossard, Maillio/Mallot/Mal(l)ott, Moine/Moinet/Moinier/Monat/Monnier(r)/Monin/Moniot/Monnat/Monnin/Monnot/Monot/Mounie, Rosselot.

DARKE COUNTY - Begue (Begey of Holmes), Bourgeois, Bourquin, Bruey/Bruot, Chappie/Chapuis/Chapuis/Shappie, Cordonnier, Couchot, Dapore/Depore Depary of Wayne), DeMange, Didier, Didot, Eustache, Francis, Francois, Freschard, Frossard, Gasson, George(s), Gigandet, Goffena/Goffene/Goffinet, Goubaux/Goubeaux, Grillio/Grilliot/Grillot, Henri/Henry, Lallemand/Lallement, Lachot, Magato/Magoteaux, Marchal/Marechal, Matthieu, Maugeville/Mougeville/Mougey, Pepiot, Pequignot, Petit Jean, Pierrion, Poly, Pour, Reboulet, Simon, Subler, Thiebaud/Thiebaut, Thiebaux, Verain/Verin, Voissard/Voixard, Voisinet.

GALLIA COUNTY - Bertholet/Bertolett, Cadeau/Cadot/Cadox, Gervais, Marchal/Marechal, Menager/Menegay/Menegot, Petit Jean.

HIGHLAND COUNTY - Bourquin, Brognard, Carrier, Druhot, Evard, Euverard, Gaillet/Galliet, Grosjean, Jodry, Marthey/Marty, Mignerey, Peugeot, Richard, Rosselot.

HOLMES COUNTY - Bardin, Begey, Bresson, Chenevey, Cholley, Cuenot, Druhot, Falot/Fallot, Genet, Gentet, Gentit, Gerard/Gerardet/Girard, Girardot, Grosjean, Mailleard, Marchand, Marthey/Marty, Pey, Py, Simon.

SCIOTO COUNTY - Cadeau/Cadot/Cadox.

SHELBY COUNTY - Bruey/Bruot, Chappie/Chapuis/Chapuis/Shappie, Coroiedot, Eustache, Francis, François, Frescr, Couchot, Dapore/Depore, Demange, Dkdier, Dihard, Frossard, Gasson, George(s), Gigandet, Goffena/Goffene/Goffinet, Goubaux/Goubeaux, Grillio/Grilliot/Grillot, Grisez, Henri/Henry, Lalllemand/Lallement, Magato/Magoteaux, Maillio/Mallot/Mal(l)ott, Matthieu, Maugeville/Mougeville/Mougey, Moine/Moinet/Moinier/Monat/Monnie(r)/Monin/Moniot/Monnat/Monnin/Monnot/Monot/Mounie, Monter/Montey/Montre, Pepiot/Pequignot, Petit Jean, Pierrion, Pour, Reboulet, Richard, Simon, Subler, Thiebaud, Thiebaut, Thiebaux, Verain/Verin, Voissard/Voixard.

STARK COUNTY - Ballizet, Bannot, Bonnot, Bardin, Beauchat, Begue, Bertholet/Bertolette, Beucier, Bourquin, Bresson, Bruey/Bruot, Carrier, Chenevey, Cholley, Cuenot, Donze/Donzelot, Evard, Euverard, Falot/Fallot, Gaillet/Galliet, Gerard/Gerardet/Girard/Girardot, Gervais, Grisez, Henri/Henry, Lallemand/Lallement, Lambert, Loichot, Merchal/Marechal, Marchand, Marthey/Marty, Menager/Menegay/Menegot, Moine/Moinet/Moinier/Monat/Monnier(r)/Monin/Moniot/Monnat/Monnin/Monnot/Monot/Mounie, Monter/Montey/Montre, Petit, Peti Jean, Pey/Py, Rebrassier, Saulnier/Saunier, Simon, VernierVoissard/Voixard

WAYNE COUNTY - Depary, Goffena/Goffene/Goffinet, Menager/Menegay/Menegot, Moine/Moinet, Moine/Moinet/Moinier/Monat/Monnier(r)/Monin/Moniot/Monnat/Monnin/Monnot/Monot/Mounie, Petit.

WILLIAMS COUNTY - Barber/Barbier, Besançon, Beucier, Bourquin, Brognard, Chappie/Chappuis/Chapuis/Shappie, Donze/Donzelot, Gentet/Gentit, Henri/Henry, Jodry, Mignerey, Peugeot, Vernier.

THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA - Ballizet, Bannot/Bonnot, Beauchat, Besançon, Bouquin, Jeanney, Lallemand/Lallement, Lambert, Loichot, Pequignot, Poly, Rebrassier, and Vernier.

TOWNLEY came into prominence after construction of the Findley, Ft Wayne and Western railroad through the place, about 1890. The village was never formally platted but developed into quite active trade center. A general store, a grain elevator, and a church existed here, and about twenty houses were built.

A severe tornado called "the storm of the Century" struck Townley on Sunday, March 29, 1920, completely wrecking the village; everything, every building, every telephone pole and fence pole was blown to the ground or simply blown away and killing four of its residents. No rebuilding was ever done, and in the meantime, the railroad had been abandoned. Townley was located in Jackson Township, on the route of the present U.S. Hwy 30.

BALDWIN was platted by **Timothy Baldwin**, on May 19, 1890, on his land in Jackson Township. The east line of this was on the Ohio-Indiana State Line. The rise and decline of this small town lasted in a space of little more than a quarter of a century. Fire destroyed the first depot, and there is a story that the people of the community stole the station at Tillman on the same railroad, took it to Baldwin on flat cars and placed it in on the Ohio side of the line. **William Noble** operated a large hoop mill, turning out thirty to thirty-five thousand hoops per day. He also manufactured hubs for buggy and wagon wheels. With the abandonment of the Findlay railroad in 1915 Baldwin soon went out of existence.

HESSEN CASSEL (1863)

The St. Joseph Roman Catholic Parish was organized in 1841 and a church building was erected the same year on the old Piqua Road about 5 miles south of the present city of Fort Wayne. The church building was erected in 1861 and the school building in 1878. No improvements were ever made on the plat; which consisted of two streets; St Joseph and George Streets. Many of

the early settlers in the vicinity migrated from Hesse, Germany, for which the purposed town was named.

Following is a list of cities, towns, villages, paper towns, ghost towns, church communities, trading centers, mill settlements, old post office sites, rail stations etc. This list is not complete, and we will only list the ones pertaining to Besançon. Dates shown are definite of platting or founding. Where dates are not shown, information is uncertain or conflicting.

ADAMS TOWNSHIP

New Haven (1839)

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Baldwin (1890)

Townley

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

Besançon (New France) (1851)

Dawkins

Maples (1853)

Nails

Tillman (1898)

Zulu (1864)

LAKE TOWNSHIP

Arcola (1864)

MARION TOWNSHIP

Hessen Cassell (1863)

MAUMEE TOWNSHIP

Shirley City (Woodburn) (1893)

MILAN TOWNSHIP

Gar Creek

MONROE TOWNSHIP

East Liberty (1848)

Monroeville (1851)

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP

Sheldon (Yoder P.O) (1869)

ST. JOSEPH TOWNSHIP

St. Vincents (1851)

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Academie (1874)

St. Vincents (1851)

Wallen (1870)

WAYNE TOWNSHIP

Ft Wayne founded 1794; incorporated (city) (1840)

CARLTON GIANT

SEPTEMBER 21, 1914

JUNE 5, 2003

To the family and many friends of Carlton M. Giant, the Besançon Historical Society extends a hand in friendship, and a heart in mourning for a dedicated member, not only of the entire community in which he and his wife, Charlotte Smith Giant lived, but to anyone who ever met him.

Carlton was the oldest son of Joseph and Cloe Myers Giant and was born and raised in Monroeville, Indiana. He graduated at the age of 16 years, and received his teaching degree from Ball State University. The first school at he taught at was Jackson Twp School near Howe and 101. He was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church and active in all parish activities. Carlton was the first president of the Besançon Parish Council, the first president of the CYO and headed up the committee to restore the stained glass windows at the church. He was a member of the historical society, serving as treasurer. His career in the school system spanned over 35 years, and one of his accomplishments was instrumental in starting Amish children attending high school. He also spent 30 years as an insurance agent and farmed an 80 acre farm.

The GEANT/GIANT history and genealogy was featured in Issue 14, Fall, 2000, the same issue that featured a picture of Carlton and his wife, Charlotte, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married May 25, 1940 at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church, Monroeville.

Carlton's great-great-grandparents, Jean Pierre and Anastasia Sallier Geant, came to America from Rougemont, Dept. of Haute Rhine, France in 1840 with a 7 other families. Carlton's great grandfather, Jacques Giant is listed in the 1868 "registre" of Saint Louis de Besançon Catholic Church. His great grandmother was Catherine Monnier Giant. The Giant name is intertwined with many Besançon families.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Charlotte, five daughters: Nancy Canull, Jacqueline Mann, Jeannine Phillips, Michele Thomas, two sons: Stanley and Gregory, two brothers: Randolph H. "Boob" and James L., two sisters: Maybelle Ryan and Marcella Sorg, 23 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one brother, Joseph 'Jake' Giant.



"You are not only good to yourself, but the cause of goodness in others". Socrates