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Besançon France to Besançon, Indiana... *submitted by Mick Lomont and Mary Jane Novosel*



*Jean Phillippe Allenbach,
Iva Vurdelja, and Mick Lomont.*

Jane and Mick Lomont spent a delightful day with **Jean Phillippe Allenbach** of Besançon, France and his friend, **Iva Vurdelja**, of Chicago on June 21, 2000. It was a life-long dream of Jean Phillippe's to visit Besançon, Indiana and see where some of his ancestors had settled. He also wanted to see the agricultural area, land, modern machinery, and early French settlers homesteads.

The tour included a visit to the Lomont Homestead and grain set-up where Jim Lomont lives, and other homes of interest in the area. Mr. Allenbach learned how farms in the United States operate, techniques and types of machinery used, and what crops are planted. He was very interested in the abundant fertile soil and especially the size of our modern farm machinery.

Jean Phillippe had heard about Besançon, Indiana and with the help of Iva who found the website on the Internet they were able to be put in touch with Jane and Mick Lomont. Jean Phillippe and Iva were very much interested in the rich history of the French settlement. A tour later that day with **Mary Jane Novosel, Shirley and Eugene Yoquelet** of the archives of the Historical Society, Saint Louis Church (and it's history), and the cemetery. He was particularly impressed with the archives, and admired the rooms' organization and décor, so that the BHS archives resemble both a library and museum dedicated to our ancestors. Of interest too, was the schools, because parochial schools are not found in France, the grade schools were mentioned. Later, the group also visited Saint Vincent de Paul, the old cemetery there and the new recently built church of Saint Vincent.

After touring the archives, Mr. Allenbach was thrilled to become a paid member of BHS on the spot! He commented his visit was all that he had ever imagined and he hopes to be able to come back to this area again.

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President's Message...

A big thanks goes out from me to all the members of BHS who have contributed, advised, attended and supported the effort to maintain an effective and informative society. Queries have been made through the website for family histories and photos. With our baptisms, marriages, cemetery records and the obits and marriages from newspaper articles the information is much easier to check. MERCI BEAUCOUP!

The marriage books of Saint Louis Besançon that have been copied and indexed for the years of 1900-2000 have now been improved. Jane Morrow has chronologically indexed the marriages and has eleven columns. This has residence, parents, witnesses and priest. If the date is unknown, the original index can be used first and then the chronological date to obtain information. The name index shows the book and page number that corresponds to the original marriage book. A copy of the original marriage books is in the archives.

Allen County, Indiana notables have started work on a historical atlas starting in the late 1800's to the present. Books have already been written on the early days of the settlement of the county and this new book will pertain more to the 20th century. The originator is John Beatty from the Allen County library. He will be helped by Judge Lee, Stan Hood, Ralph Violette, Kathryn Bloom and many other knowledgeable people. The CO-chairs are Kathryn Bloom and Judge Lee. The ACPL will be providing space for this project and will have information on their website.

John has put a committee together to write a narrative section. Also, each township will have a chairman to help gather information that pertains to that township. Jefferson and Jackson townships will be chaired by Ralph. The project is to be completed by October, 2005. Since Allen County is a large county, the atlas will probably be in two volumes.

A person may put in a family history and a photo. This will be free up to 500 words. After that it will be 15 cents a word. Decide which surname you would like included in this atlas and begin your family profile now. An organization (such as BHS), may write a page on the society for \$125. A business will be charged \$225. A page will have approximately 1500 words. Besançon Historical Society has already approved the motion to have a page in the new Allen County atlas. Any suggestions of what information to include in the atlas about Besançon should be directed to Ralph Violette or attend a meeting and join in the discussion.

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 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

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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Lifetime - \$200.00

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attn.: Treasurer, Besançon Historical Society

Father Charles H. Banet
December 8 1922 - June 22 2003

Father Charles H. Banet, C.P.P.S., age 80 years, formerly of Fort Wayne, died June 22, 2003 at the rectory of Holy Rosary Church in Galveston, Texas. A former President of Saint Joseph's College, Banet served SJC in that capacity from 1965 until 1993, making his years of service as President the longest in any college or university in Indiana, and the second longest nationwide. In 1993, he moved Galveston to join his brother, Rev. Paul Banet, in parish work at Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

He was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Henry and Marie (Henry) Banet, and was one of seven children. He entered Missionaries of the Precious Blood in the fall of 1937 and was ordained to the priesthood on March 25, 1949 at St. Charles Seminary in Carhagena, Ohio by Bishop Rehring. He said it was the celebration of his ordination that stirred his interest in genealogy. Relatives from near and far were in attendance, and after quizzing his mother and father about who these people were and how they were related to him set him off on a lifelong quest to trace family members in Indiana, Ohio, France, Germany and Switzerland.

With a Masters degree in Library Science and as an avid historian and genealogist, Father Banet was very much aware of the importance of libraries and the preservation of historical records. He was active in the Bicentennial activities for the State of Indiana 1976. His concern for funding to microfilm of all of Indiana's newspapers - that he saw rich in historical value, but in serious danger of being lost if they were not microfilmed, and in 1979 introduced one of the Indiana State Resolutions that reads: "Be it resolved that the Indiana State Library requests adequate funding for programs for the preservation of library materials." The resolution was ultimately presented at the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services in the fall of 1979.

Rev. Banet also supported another resolution coming under "Freedom to Know" section. He said, "Libraries need to devise ways to make their materials and services more readily available. I feel it is important that all persons should have access to all libraries".

Some of Father Banet's publications include: *French Immigrants to Allen County, IN 1850-1870*, *Index to the Saint Augustine Parish Registers, Rensselaer, IN 1865-1983*, *Index to the Records of Saint Louis Church at Besançon, IN 1865-1907*, *Index to the Catholic Parish of Saint George, Vesoul, Haute Saone, 1585-1793*, *Records of Coulevon, Haute Saone, registers Parossiaux, 1556-1793*.

Many of Father's Banet's publications are available for sale and may also be found on audio tape.

Father Banet is survived by his brother, Rev. Paul Banet, his sisters, Sr. Laura Banet, PHJC from Fort Wayne, Victorine and Jim Malsbury of Opa Locka, Fl., Preceding him in death are his brother, Lawrence Banet, and his sisters, Mary Ellen and Ray Harris, and Sr Ruth Banet, OLVN. Burial was in Carthage, Ohio.

Taken from the Fort Wayne newspapers, of June 25, 2003 and Ancestry.com, by Loretto Dennis Szucs.



TOMBSTONE ART ... submitted by Barb Gorney

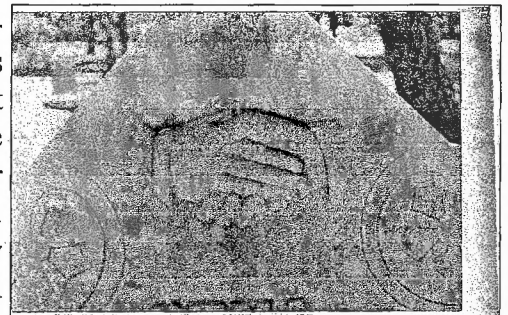
With all the interest shown in both of St. Louis cemeteries, plus the dedication of the descendants of Besancon, now beginning to restore old stones, we thought we would give some history on those markers you see so frequently.

Early graveyards are outdoor museums containing some of America's earliest examples of the stonemason's art. The quality of the craftsmanship of early colonists is evident in the designs and epitaphs. Early motifs and border carvings suggest the development of the country. Attitudes toward death and immortality of tombstone art are what the symbols most likely mean. There can be more than one interpretation for a symbol.

The 17th century used the winged death head or the skull and cross bones which were symbolic of the remains of the deceased; this was replaced by the soul effigy in the 1700's. The soul effigy is like a small face. These central motifs that depicted death along with the hourglass and scythes all indicated mortality. When life was less harsh in the colonies it seems the gravestones also changed.

The 1800's had the urn and willow motif. The urn was symbolic of the death of the flesh and the willow represented mourning or sorrow. Not all was gloom and doom. Roses represented motherhood and beauty. A rose in full bloom indicated a full life; whereas, a rosebud indicated a life that had only partially bloomed. Just as the tree of life showed a full life and half a tree was meant to be a life was cut short. Two hands joined in a handshake represented God's welcome into heaven. If there were sleeves on each hand then it showed holy matrimony. One sleeve would be masculine and the other feminine. Doves could be seen in flight or with wings at rest. The dove represented the Holy Spirit. Doves could be used on children's stones or on adult stones.

The Victorian Era ushered in flowers, columns, and drapery with great detail, including fringe and tasseled cords. This was to give a more homelike appearance and make a deceased feel at home. The column or pillar could represent a passageway into the next life or steadfastness. Figures of sleeping babies with little or no clothing symbolized that they had nothing to hide or cover up. Lambs were most always seen lying down and represented purity and innocence. This symbol also referred to Christ as the shepherd and believers as his flock. Lambs were common on children's graves and are still used today.



Handshakes - "Welcome into heaven" 1876
Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs, CO

Palm leaves and lilies were symbolic of the resurrection, a fig leaf for rejuvenation, acorn for strength or independence, pineapple for welcome, grape vine for Christ, and cornucopia for abundance. A forefinger pointing up symbolized the soul has gone to heaven and a forefinger pointing down was God reaching down for the soul. Books represented the Holy bible or the book of life. An open book could be the scriptures or knowledge. A closed book could be secrecy or finality of life.

There are emblems to represent fraternal, civic, social, professional, or military affiliations. The Masons were formed in America in the 1730's and the compass is perhaps the most common for this group, followed by the all-seeing-eye. The two-headed bird was the symbol for a 32nd degree Mason.

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Friends of Besancon ...

WELCOME: New Members: **Mary Ann May** 3812 Vineyards Lake Cir NV, Kennesaw, GA 30144-7408, Email: maryannmay@att.net. Mary Ann is a descendant the **PIO** family. **Doris Huguenard Bakle**, 4209 Indian Hills Road, SE, Decatur, AL 35603, Email: dcbakle@charter.net. **Jean Phillippe Allenbach**, 3 Place du 9 Septembre, 25000 Besancon, France. **RENEWAL:** **Georges Jeanney**, 14, Rve Isenbart, 25000 Besancon, France.

ADDRESS CHANGE: **Rev. James W. Lothamer**, St. Agnes Church, 855 E. Grand River, Fowlerville, MI. 48836. **Martha Hines**, 3423 Cartersburg Road, Danville, IN 46122-8535, Email: martieschmitt@aol.com.

ADDED TO THE LIBRARY: "The Descendants of Samuel Bacon, of Allen County, Indiana" by Michael T. Biesiada and Gladys Overmyer. This addition is from the library of Gladys Nail Lomont, and is inscribed: "To my cousin: ... Hope you find many friends in this book. Enjoy" ... Gladys Overmyer.

CORRECTION...AND MY APOLOGIES!! In the last issue of the Chronicles **Jane Morow** was missing from our list of members! Her address is 3106 Duluth Street, Highland, IN 46322. Jane contributes so much time and talent to Chronicles and has given BHS many interesting facts we never had before with the research she is able to do with the old newspapers. Jane is a descendant of the **Reuilles/Roy** families. I not playing favorites here - I left out my cousin: **Faye McCallister**, 314 Farmstead Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. Her family includes **Holmes, Rose/Rausis, Jauris/Jouris/Favory**.

ALSO: You readers also let me know more of the family lines you were connected to and or if I left names off :From **Audrey Roy**, she would like to include: **Ryan, Dodane, Monnot, and Sordelet**. **Carolyn Hill** writes her mother was **Emma Lothamer**, and her father's mother was **Victoria Gladioux**. From **Angela Cochoit Shoults**; The main lines she is researching are: **Cochoit/Rondot/Manier**, not Dodane. **Marti Hines** is researching: **Monnot and Merillat** families. Please add **Gerardot, Rivard and Jauris/Jouris** to **Margery Graham's** family tree; and her mother's maiden name of **Ryan**, also add **Dodane, Monnot, and Sordelet**. . Add **JARUIS/JOURIS** ancestor names for **Curt Crawl, Delores Gerardot Lomont, Faye Holmes McCallister** and **me!** To **Annette Lomont, Barbara Lomont Broach, Betty Lomont Howard, Joan Lomont Bail** PLEASE add the family name of **COULARDOT**. Whew! I do apologize and must say *in my defense* proof reading my own writing leaves a lot to be desired!!.. Thanks to all of you for your sharp eyes and your wonderful letters and Emails. The editing of the Chronicles is a joy to me, and one I do with love and appreciation of the dedication and sacrifices of our forefathers.

All officers are on the Internet:

Let us know how we are doing!

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You know you're an addicted Genealogist ...

... when you brake for libraries

... if you get locked into a library overnight and never even notice

... when you hyperventilate at the sight of an old cemetery

... when you think every home should have a microfilm reader

... if town (county) clerks lock the doors when they see you coming

... if you know every town (county) clerk by name

... when all your correspondence begins, "Dear Cousin,"

... if you'd rather read census schedules than a good book

... if you can pinpoint Vesoul, Saint Hippolyte, and Montbéliard on a map of France, but can't locate Topeka, Kansas.

submitted by Barbara Gorney, from Kalamazoo Valley Heritage, Vol 18, #3

Yesteryears ...

copied and submitted by Jane Morow



JAMES H. ROY (at left), **Topeka's New Postmaster.** Topeka, Ind., Nov 25, 1912.

James H. Roy, whom Congressman Cline has announced that he will recommend for appointment as postmaster at Topeka under the new administration, is a well known farmer residing near this place, and it is believed will be an entirely respectable official.

2/07/1885 Daily Gazette ... Last night, about 7 o'clock, an alarm from box 12, called the department to No 151 High Street. The one story frame dwelling, occupied by **Frank Sordelet**, caught fire from a defective line. Some \$200 damage was occasioned. The house was partially destroyed and considerable damage done to furniture. The dwelling is owned by **William Pape** and fully insured. The fire was difficult to control but the boys got in their work as efficiently as usual.

07/22/1906 Journal gazette ... The Mesgrs. **John and Philip Bobay** left Saturday for a week's visit at Put-in- Bay. ... Master **Claude Reuille** had his back injured last week by falling twenty feet from a beam in a barn.

5/16/1914 Journal Gazette ... Mrs **William Pio** called on Mrs **Celina Boitet** Monday afternoon. ... Miss **Mildred Huguenard** was a

Fort Wayne caller Monday ... Mr and Mrs **Louis Reuille** called on Mrs Reuille's mother, Mrs. **M Holmes** Tuesday. **5/27/1913 Zulu News, Journal Gazette ...** Mr and Mrs **Emile Ternet** and Mrs **George Townsend** returned to their home last week, after having a pleasant visit in Canada, among relatives, where they had gone to witness the first high Mass said by their cousin, who was ordained on Saturday. The **Rev Rondot's** first baptism was that of his brother's child, **Mr Samuel Rondot**. Mr and Mrs **Emile Ternet** were the sponsors and name given was **Mary Amelia Isabelle**. ...

3/12/1914 Journal Gazette, Mr Louis Girardot returned to Oklahoma last week and will in the near future return here, bring his family to live. ... Mr **George Venderly** accompanied Mr **Charles Frane** on a trip to Decatur, Ind. last week, via electrics. ... Mssrs **Frank Voirol** and **Frank Roussey** have been very busy unloading several carloads of stone for their own use preparatory to building Mr Voirol a barn and Mr Roussey a house.... Mr **Maynard VanHorn** was in Monroeville Monday afternoon. ...

1/30/1914 Journal Gazette, Mr Frank Oberley is building a garage at his place will in the future have a fine place to keep his automobile. Mr. **Joseph Coulardot** hauled a large load of fat hogs to the New Haven stock yards last Tuesday. **07/01/1905 Ft Wayne News, Deputy Sheriff Huguenard** is home from Chicago, where he has been ill for two days. He took a prisoner to Michigan City on Monday, and then took a boat ride to Chicago on Lake Michigan. Huguenard admits that he is poor sailor and also looks the part. He says he coughed up everything in Lake Michigan which he has eaten for the past two weeks. On the way home from Chicago by rail he discovered he was sitting next to the ice water tank and became seasick again

Early 30's: 'Another Red Fox Slain By Hunters in Allen County' Indiana's happy hunting days of a few decades back are being recalled this winter by the killing of red foxes in this vicinity. The second such animal to be shot near here was killed Saturday morning by a part of five hunters in the vicinity of Besançon, which lies in the east part of the county. The fox weighed 24 pounds. The hunters were **Allen Lomont, Xavier Turque, Art Lomont, William Pepe, and William Gerardot**, all residing east of New Haven. They found the fox tracks and trailed it for four miles before they located it. A red fox was killed a few miles south of Fort Wayne several weeks ago, and one was seen west of the city about the same time.



Descendants of Nicholas Gladieux

Researched and submitted by Susan Townsend Downey

Generation No. 1

1. NICHOLAS¹ GLADIEUX was born 1760 in France, and died 1805. He married QUAZOTTE COLON 1786 in Grosne, France. She was born 1752 in France, and died 1817 in France.

Child of NICHOLAS GLADIEUX and QUAZOTTE COLON is:

2. i. PHILIPPE² GLADIEUX, b. May 01, 1787, Grosne, France; d. May 10, 1865, Besancon, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana.

Generation No. 2

2. PHILIPPE² GLADIEUX (NICHOLAS¹) was born May 01, 1787 in Grosne, France, and died May 10, 1865 in Besancon, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana. He married ELIZABETH FUZIER October 09, 1808 in France.

Children of PHILIPPE GLADIEUX and ELIZABETH FUZIER are:

- i. JOANN³ GLADIEUX, b. January 11, 1806, Grosne, France.
- ii. ELIZABETH GLADIEUX, b. November 04, 1808, Grosne, France.
3. iii. JEAN PIERRE GLADIEUX, b. August 10, 1811, Grosne, France; d. January 18, 1890, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana.
- iv. MARIE ANN GLADIEUX, b. 1814.

Generation No. 3

3. JEAN PIERRE³ GLADIEUX (PHILIPPE², NICHOLAS¹) was born August 10, 1811 in Grosne, France, and died January 18, 1890 in Jefferson Twp, Allen county, Indiana. He married ROSALIE ROSSAT April 26, 1835 in Vellascot, France. She was born May 19, 1814 in France, and died March 19, 1905 in Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana.

More About JEAN PIERRE GLADIEUX: Migrated to: Stark County, Ohio in 1844, then to Indiana in 1856

Burial: Besancon, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana

Children of JEAN GLADIEUX and ROSALIE ROSSAT are:

4. i. FRANCIS⁴ GLADIEUX, b. August 10, 1837, Alsace, France; d. October 17, 1916, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana.
5. ii. JOSEPHINE CECILIA GLADIEUX, b. April 02, 1841, Vellescot, France; d. October 12, 1919, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana.
6. iii. CELESTIN XAVIER AUGUSTINE GLADIEUX, b. January 27, 1845, Stark County, Ohio; d. March 25, 1914, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana.
7. iv. VICTORIA GLADIEUX, b. October 1848, Stark County, Ohio; d. May 21, 1901.

Generation No. 4

4. FRANCIS⁴ GLADIEUX (JEAN PIERRE³, PHILIPPE², NICHOLAS¹) was born August 10, 1837 in Alsace, France, and died October 17, 1916 in Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana. He married MARY LOUISE LOMONT August 21, 1860 in Allen County, Indiana. She was born May 1842 in France, and died May 15, 1922 in Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana.

Children of FRANCIS GLADIEUX and MARY LOMONT are:

- i. LOUIS S.⁵ GLADIEUX, b. May 1861, Allen County, Indiana; d. September 13, 1945; m. ROSE L. BOITEUX, April 19, 1892, Allen County, Indiana.
- ii. AMELIA ROSE GLADIEUX, b. 1864, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana; d. July 08, 1939, Jefferson Twp, Allen county, Indiana; m. EMILE JOSEPH TERNET, May 08, 1888, Allen County, Indiana; b. February 06, 1866, Jefferson Twp, Allen county, Indiana.
- iii. CLAUDE FRANCIS GLADIEUX, b. February 06, 1866, Allen County, Indiana; d. February 20, 1947; m. JENNIE BAPTIST EUGENIA GIRARDOT, January 08, 1895, St Louis Catholic Church, Besancon.
- iv. AMIEL CLEMENT GLADIEUX, b. February 23, 1869, Allen County, Indiana; d. 1935; m. IDA J. URBINE, February 22, 1892, St Louis Catholic Church, Besancon, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana.
Burial: IOOF Cemetery, New Haven, Allen county, Indiana
- v. EDWARD AUGUST GLADIEUX, b. January 28, 1872, Allen County, Indiana; d. 1955; m. MARY T. LABONTE, August 13, 1900, St Louis Catholic Church, Besancon, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana.
- vi. UNKNOWN GLADIEUX.
- vii. NORA GLADIEUX, b. May 20, 1875, Allen county, Indiana; d. August 03, 1875, Allen county, Indiana.
More About NORA GLADIEUX: Burial: St. Louis Catholic cemetery, Besancon, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana
- viii. JOSEPHINE MARIE GLADIEUX, b. September 04, 1877, Allen county, Indiana; d. September 04, 1877,

Allen county, Indiana.

- ix. IDA MARY GLADIEUX, b. October 03, 1878, Jefferson Twp, Allen county, Indiana; d. September 30, 1951, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana; m. LOUIS VETAL ROUSSEL, April 16, 1901, St Louis Catholic Church, Besancon, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana.

5. JOSEPHINE CECILIA⁴ GLADIEUX (*JEAN PIERRE³, PHILIPPE², NICHOLAS¹*) was born April 02, 1841 in Vellescot, France, and died October 12, 1919 in Jefferson Twp, Allen county, Indiana. She married GEORGE WILLIAM TOWNSEND August 23, 1860 in Allen County, Indiana, son of PETER TOWNSEND and ESTHER NEAL. He was born November 06, 1841 in Adams Township, Allen County, Indiana, and died March 26, 1911 in Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana.

Burial: IOOF Cemetery, New Haven, Indiana

Children of JOSEPHINE GLADIEUX and GEORGE TOWNSEND are:

- i. CECILIA⁵ TOWNSEND, b. September 1861, Jefferson Twp, Allen county, Indiana; d. November 1955, Allen county, Indiana; m. LOUIS L. YOQUELET, September 26, 1878, Allen County, Indiana.
Burial: IOOF Cemetery, New Haven, Indiana
- ii. WILLIAM N. TOWNSEND, b. November 27, 1863, Allen county, Indiana; d. September 15, 1930, Allen county, Indiana; m. ANNA A. RYAN, April 28, 1892, Allen County, Indiana.
- iii. GEORGE JR. WILLIAM TOWNSEND, b. 1866, Jefferson Twp, Allen county, Indiana; d. March 25, 1949, Jefferson Twp, Allen county, Indiana; m. MARY ELLEN TERNET, November 03, 1891, New Haven, Indiana.
- iv. LOUISE ELIZABETH TOWNSEND, b. March 23, 1868, Jefferson Twp, Allen county, Indiana; d. July 31, 1922, Jefferson Twp, Allen county, Indiana; m. CHARLES F. TERNET, April 14, 1891, Besancon, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana.
Burial: IOOF Cemetery, New Haven, Indiana.

6. CELESTIN XAVIER AUGUSTINE⁴ GLADIEUX (*JEAN PIERRE³, PHILIPPE², NICHOLAS¹*) was born January 27, 1845 in Stark County, Ohio, and died March 25, 1914 in Jefferson Twp, Allen county, Indiana. He married MARY JOSEPHINE LAMBOLEY November 09, 1862. She was born in Doubs, France, and died July 14, 1868 in Allen county, Indiana.

More About CELESTIN XAVIER AUGUSTINE GLADIEUX: Burial: IOOF Cemetery, New Haven, Indiana

Children of CELESTIN GLADIEUX and MARY LAMBOLEY are:

- i. LOUIS J.⁵ GLADIEUX, b. October 1863, Allen county, Indiana; d. 1937, Besancon, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana; m. AMELIA C. COULARDOT, November 06, 1883, St Louis Catholic Church, Besancon, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana.
- ii. MARY MELINDA GLADIEUX, b. January 23, 1865, Zulu, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana; d. August 31, 1933, Detroit, Michigan; m. HENRY CHARLES PAPPERT, August 17, 1885, Allen County, Indiana.
- iii. FRANCIS CELESTIN GLADIEUX, b. February 25, 1867, Zulu, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana; d. July 30, 1943, Allen county, Indiana; m. MARY LOUISE TERNET, April 26, 1887, St Louis Catholic Church, Besancon, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana.
- iv. VICTOR A. GLADIEUX, b. July 04, 1868, Zulu, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana; d. August 25, 1868, Zulu, Jefferson Twp, Allen County, Indiana.

7. VICTORIA⁴ GLADIEUX (*JEAN PIERRE³, PHILIPPE², NICHOLAS¹*) was born October 1848 in Stark County, Ohio, and died May 21, 1901. She married ALPHONSE JUVENAL LOMONT April 19, 1866 in Allen County, Indiana. He was born April 1845 in Alsace-Lorraine, France, and died 1926. More About VICTORIA GLADIEUX: Burial: St. Louis Catholic cemetery, Besancon

Children of VICTORIA GLADIEUX and ALPHONSE LOMONT are:

- i. LOUIS CELESTIN⁵ LOMONT, b. April 19, 1867, Allen county, Indiana; d. April 03, 1869.
More About LOUIS CELESTIN LOMONT: Burial: St. Louis Catholic cemetery, Besancon
- ii. CHARLES EDWARD LOMONT, b. April 15, 1872, Allen county, Indiana; d. 1945; m. MARY E. VAVIOL.
- iii. ELLEN LOMONT, b. January 11, 1872, Allen county, Indiana; d. June 20, 1953; m. RAYMOND J. MOUREY, April 26, 1892, Allen County, Indiana.
- iv. EMILIA IDA LOMONT, b. May 21, 1874; m. FRANK MAIRE.
- v. JUSTIN PETER LOMONT, b. July 23, 1876, Allen county, Indiana; d. 1964; m. EMMA M. LOTHAMER.
More About JUSTIN PETER LOMONT: Burial: St. Louis Catholic cemetery, Besancon
- vi. ROSALIE M. LOMONT, b. December 16, 1878, Allen county, Indiana; d. 1953; m. CHARLES T. BURNS.
- vii. JOHN A. LOMONT, b. July 28, 1881, Allen county, Indiana; m. STELLA J. GUIFF, October 15, 1918, Allen County, Indiana.
- viii. CLEMENT J. LOMONT, b. October 06, 1883, Allen county, Indiana; d. 1970; m. EMILY ALLEN.
- ix. ERNEST A. LOMONT, b. January 16, 1886, Allen county, Indiana; m. MILITINE PIO.
- x. CLARENCE R. LOMONT, b. August 22, 1889, Allen county, Indiana; m. ADELLA GALLUNS.

DODANES FROM INDIANA AND OHIO HOLD
THEIR REUNION - OCTOBER, 1913
LOUISVILLE, OHIO



Sue Downey sent this wonderful picture of four generations of the Gladieux family. Beginning at the left is Josephine Cecilia Gladieux Townsend, her son, William N. Townsend, Clarence William Townsend, (her grandson) and Edwin Clarence Townsend. (her great grandson). Josephine is Sue's great-great grandmother.

If you are interested in this family contact Sue. She has done extensive research on the family, and has a great deal of newspaper clippings, obituaries, and other information invaluable to anyone. Sue Downey, 7526 Wynnewood Lane, Ft Wayne, IN 46835. Email: sue-downey@comcast.net

The third annual reunion of the descendants of **Constantine and Genegreuse Dodane**, who emigrated to this country from France nearly one hundred years ago, was held in Langard Hall yesterday and was attended by over sixty members. At the business session, which followed the noon banquet, the president appointed **Amede L Dodane, Frank Bercot and Mrs. Joseph Dodane** as a committee to draft resolutions in memoriam of **John J Miday**, of Ohio, **Frank and Edward Dodane** of New Haven, Ind who have died since the reunion at Louisville last year. The officers were unanimously re-elected and are: President: **Peter F Dodane**, of Ft Wayne, Vice Pres., **Frank J Miday**, of Louisville, Secretary-Treasurer, **Eugene J Miday** of Canton, Ohio.

It was decided to hold the next reunion on the Sunday preceding Labor Day, 1914 at the home of **Joseph Dodane**, of New Haven, Ind.

Those present were: **Frank Bercot** and two children of Berea, O. **Eugene J Miday** of Canton, O, **Mr. and Mrs. Honora Martin**, **Edward and Rose Martin**, **Mr. and Mrs. Louis Beauchot**, **John, Leo and Rose Beauchot**, **Mrs. Felicia Bardey** and son, **Joseph**, and **Mr. and Mrs. Louis Voirol** of Monroeville, Ind. **Joseph Colchen** of Decatur, Ill, **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dodane** and family of New Haven, **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huth** and family, **Mr. and Mrs. Amede L Dodane**, and grandson, **Philip Dodane**, **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parrot** and family, **Peter, William, Alma, Bertha and Henrietta Dodane**, **Eugene, Laura, Florence, Nora, Rose, Dorothy and Blanch DeLagrange**, **Mrs. Jane Bluse** and daughter, **Frank Federspiel**, and daughters, **Lucille and Florence**, **Mrs. Laura Dodane**, **Mrs. Rose Languard**, **Joseph Languard** and **Miss Marie Beauchot**.

Submitted by Arlene Dodane Curts. She was unaware there ever was a Dodane reunion, until two articles were found in the Louisville paper. The article that features the 2nd reunion that was held in 1912 explains some of the history of the Dodanes coming to America. It will be featured in a later issue. This article mentions a group photograph was taken by a Mr. E. M. Youtz. Any knowledge of this photo, please contact Arlene!!

Editor's note: In order to always promote and introduce material of interest to our readers, - you - the members of Besançon Historical Society, we will be including a page on various inquiries we have received. We welcome all of you to send in questions you might have or information you would like to share.

QUERIES

Mary Rivard/Ribard/Ribart married **Alexis Girardat** (sic) 12 September 1831 in Stark County, Ohio, officiated by Justice of the Peace, George Dunbar. **JOSEPH RIBART** married **MARIE VOTIER**, 18 November, 1829 in Stark County, Ohio officiated by Justice of the Peace, George Dunbar. Are Mary and Joseph sister and brother? The early Catholic church records of Stark County, Ohio have not revealed either marriage. What happened to Joseph? **Margery Graham**, 13431 Ernst Road, Roanoke, IN 46783, 260-672-2585, Email: graham13431@aol.com

Information wanted on: **Victor Martin**, b: abt 1845, d: 24 July, 1924. Married **Mary Frances Euphrasine Venderley** at Besançon, Indiana 28 April 1874. Mary Francis was born about 1851 in France. Contact: **Dennis L Donovan**, 1918 E. Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46806

RESPONSE

A friendly reader commented on Query a23 in the Summer issue, 2003, concerning the name of **LaPalillotte (Laplu)**, and suggested try the alternate spelling of **Lapalet/LaPalet**. It is noted there is a **Jean Baptist Lapalet**, b: c1827, France, d: aft 1870, married **Peter Boissenet**, b 1818, France. Their daughter, **Marie F. Boissenet**, b: 1849, Doubs, France, d: 1911, New Haven, IN, and is buried in St. Louis Cemetery, Besançon.

HISTORIC PHOTOS FOR SALE

In 1997 an ambitious project was started when the society began to collect photographs of the families who settled in Jefferson Township. Over 1000 pictures have been collected. Most have been identified. As much information as possible was collected and in some instances individuals were interviewed. These old photos show families, homes and farms; towns and settlements; businesses and public buildings; important events in the life of community. Negatives of the photos were made and then copies were made. All have been cataloged and indexed. These copies of the old photos are for sale through the Besançon Historical Society. There is a charge of \$5.00 for a 5 x 7 and a charge of \$8.00 for a 8 x 10

If you are interested in any of these photographs, please contact any officer for information.



You can't do much about your ancestors, but you can influence your descendants!
(author unknown)

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A five pointed star usually with the initials F. A. T. A. L. - "Fairest Among Thousands, Altogether Lovely" is the Order of the Eastern Star which is the women's auxiliary branch of the Masons. The "Independent Order of Odd Fellows" (I. O. O. F.) was founded in 1819 and the symbol on graves was the three links of chains and the letters F. L. T. - Friendship, Love and Truth. The Daughters of Rebekah is the women's auxiliary branch of the Odd Fellows. The Daughters of Rebekah began in 1851 and their symbol contained stars inside a crescent moon, a dove, and the emblem of the society. Many of these organizations would have only the initials engraved into the stone.

Tombstones can be in any shape such as an obelisk, upright, flat, round, a cross or pyramid. There are tombstones shaped as a log cabin, as a person attired in their professional clothes, vault tombs, tabletop tombs and portrait stones. The newer granite makers use sandblasting techniques that turn it into a beautiful scene. This is usually of a view connected with the deceased such as their farm, house or an outdoor scene.

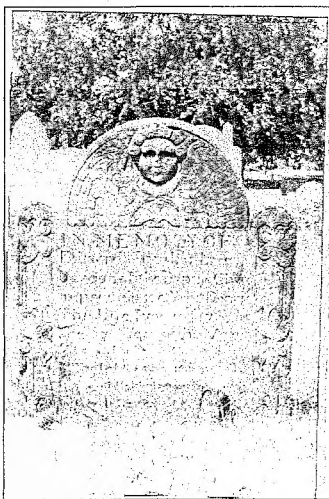
The epitaph is certainly important in reading a tombstone, but there is also a wealth of knowledge by really looking at the stone. There may be a chronicle of history, art, religious beliefs, military campaigns, family genealogy, and even humor!

"Here I lie and no wonder I'm dead,
I fell from a tree, Roll'd over dead" d. 1824

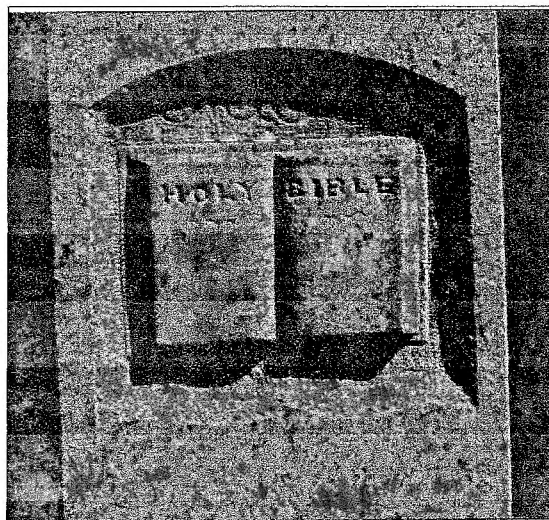
"Alas, poor Willie is dead, His friends know him no more,
For what he thought was H2O, was H2SO4:" d. 1982



Skull and crossbones - Edison, NJ



Soul Effigy - "Image of the soul"
1768
Providence, Rhode Island



Books represented the Holy Bible, or book of life.
Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs, CO



Steve Weaver of Carson City, NV graciously shared these two fascinating newspaper articles concerning his G G G Grandfather, Charles J. Martin. This Martin family is of the Saint Vincent parish, north of Fort Wayne, and at this time no connection can be found with the Martins of Saint Louis. Mr. Weaver has a fascinating collection of French history, including many pictures of the area. He also is a distant cousin of Father Banet and shared a great deal of his correspondence. He has traveled extensively to Europe and has many slides of villages directly associated with Saint Vincent and Saint Louis.

Dawson's Fort Wayne Daily Times, Wednesday Evening, February 20, 1861

DROWNING ... On the 19th inst. as a team of two horses and wagon in which was contained two women and two men (one a catholic priest located at the French settlement about five miles north of this city) were going out of town in the evening and when entering on the new bridge which spans the St. Mary's River near Randall's Factory, a trace breaking, the horse commenced to back - at which time the two woman jumped out, but the team (horses and wagon) and the two men went over the narrow embankment into the tail-race of the factory, which was made deep by the rise of the river. The priest and wagon and horses were recovered, the unfortunate driver, drunk as he was, sank instantly and rose no more. The current of the river from the race doubtless took him out into the main stream where he floated away. His name is Charles Martin, and at this writing has not been found.

It is this place - the narrow embankment - to which we called public attention last fall - when the bridge was finished. The County Commissioners were also specially directed to it at the time - and yet our admonition was unheeded. Death has been caused by it - and still the danger is just as great. Indeed when the bank thaws out and the spring deluge shall come, all the cobble work there done will sink away as a heap of sugar in a drenching shower. Still this is the way in which all public work is done in this county - a life is lost before a spike is driven or a plank is laid down. In this connection again we urge attention to the canal bridge at the old fort, which has already cost two lives, and threatens even now a greater sacrifice. Who is next to be killed there?

Saturday, March 2, 1861 Fort Wayne News Sentinel

\$50 REWARD

A reward of \$50 will be paid for the recovery of the body of Charles J. Martine (sic), who was drowned in the St. Mary's River on Tuesday last, (Feb 26). Said Martine was 60 years old, about 6 feet high, hair and complexion sandy, and bald on the top of the head. The right foot was bent inwards from the ankle being broke. He had on two heavy gray coats, black pants, and high boots. Had \$5 or \$6 and some notes in a large pocket book.

The above reward will be given to anyone finding the body, and giving information to the subscribers, living in the Froyale Settlement, on the St. Joseph River, or to C. J. A. Cour, opposite Compairs (Comparet) Mill, in Fort Wayne.

Auguste Martine

24 February 1892, Fort Wayne Morning Journal Mrs. Francis Martin, widow of Charles Martin, deceased, died yesterday morning at her home in Perry Township.