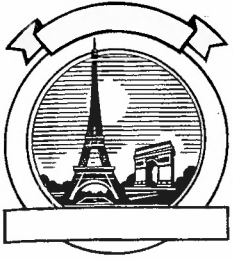


Besançon Historical Society *the Chronicles ...*



THE FRENCH AMERICAN SOCIETY EST 1902—1923



In an earlier publication of the Chronicle, (Issue #4, June, 1997) **Gladys Lomont** gave the history of the French American Society that brought all of the Allen county French-American citizens together and was "dedicated to stabilizing and continuing the French heritage and culture in the new land."

The French American Society of Allen County was formed in 1902; and quickly became popular where the only prerequisite of membership was being of French descent. Dues were one dollar a year; and by 1911 there were over 350 members. Annual events sponsored by the organization were very popular, and the most well known was the annual picnic held at Centlivre Park; where it is reported "French hospitality and French courtesy prevailed and that French music was played and French songs were sung"

The event beginning in 1903, the event was open to everyone, and became a community event, with thousands who were not of French enjoying the day. Proceeds from the picnic stands were used for charitable purposes or for emergencies like fires and floods. The French American Society was one of the first societies in Fort Wayne to donate money in times of need.

Thanks to **Barbara Pio Gorney** the following newspaper articles give us a little insight to the happenings of the French-American Society.

The Journal Gazette, April 10, 1916 p. 7

FRENCH AMERICANS PLAN TO HELP WAR STRICKEN ORPHANS

At a largely attended and very enthusiastic meeting of the French American society of Allen count held yesterday afternoon at the headquarters, it was decided that on Thursday evening April 27th at 8pm an evening soiree, both musical and educational, would be given in the auditorium of the International Business College, Lincoln Life Building for the benefit of the war orphans. The proceeds will be used to purchase shoes for children between two and ten years of age and same will be shipped at once to the deal little ones by the quickest way possible.

Prof. **Claude Michelon** will lecture on "How We Live in the Trenches," illustrated with 325 colored views. Including the horrors of Verdun, made especially for the occasion by the Victor Animatograph. The musical program and names of artists will be published later.

An executive committee was immediately appointed composed of Prof. Claude Michelon, chairman, **Charles Centlivre, Joseph Girardot, Frank Joly, Charles Mathieu, Charles Girardot, Joseph Toussaint, Jules Simon, Horace Mariotte, Alphonse Girardot, Frank Mandel, Harry Rosselot, John Lanternier, Charles J. Roy, and Louis Centlivre.**

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President's Message...

The "Christmas Concert" proved that good things come in small packages. The small community of Besançon has a very active Saint Louis parish choir. The choir is directed by Rita Brueggemann with Jane Lomont at the organ. The voices of the choir are outstanding in their tone and style. Mary Jane Novosel welcomed all to the concert and then the music began. The Christmas music was beautiful and some songs were sung with the audience participating. After the concert the Besançon Historical Society served refreshments in the school lunch room. The crowd was large and it didn't take long for the refreshments to disappear!

Last November was election of officers. The same slate of officers was retained for two more years. Thank you to all the officers for your time and for staying on in the same capacity.

Upcoming conferences include the Indiana Genealogical Society, April 2, 2005 in Anderson, IN: mmaben@indiana.edu; OGS conference in Akron, Ohio on April 14 -16, 2005; and Midwestern Roots 2005 Family History and Genealogy Conference in Indianapolis, IN. on August 19 - 20, 2005. welcome@indianahistory.org.

If you have roots in northwest Ohio, check out the Hayes Obituary Indexing Project on line: www.rbhayes.org. Volunteers in these counties are logging in their obits. Paulding County, Ohio volunteers have put in 33,000 obituaries!

Here are some web sites that might help you in your research.

Civil War Soldiers and Sailors: www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/

Cemeteries: www.findagrave.com

Immigrant Ships: www.imigrantships.net

Bible Records: www.biblerecords.com

Ohio Genealogical Society: www.ogs.org

If you are a member of OGS, you can go on-line through OGS to use Heritage Quest and the New England Genealogical Society's services. All you need to use this service is your OGS membership number.

During World War I and II, the French "forty and eight" railroad cars were used to transport supplies and troops to the front lines. They were called the "forty and eight" because 40 men or 8 horses could fit into each boxcar. Many allied prisoners rode to Germany POW camps with as many as 90 men in each boxcar. This information was noted at the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. The museum is free and open daily. The museum is a large complex that is well worth seeing. Also, take the tour of the President's planes that are housed in another building that you get to by bus. There are memorials to different groups of service men and women in the area in front of the museum. There are several files that you can watch in their theater for a fee. We saw the Blue Angels. You actually felt that you were in that plane performing the acrobatics! Plan on a whole day if possible.

... 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

Friends of Besançon ...

WELCOME: **Jan Shupert-Arick**, (janshupert@yahoo.com) 2924 Devon Drive, Ft Wayne, IN 46815 . Jan is the Asst Director for ARCH, in Ft Wayne, and the present Indiana State Director for the Lincoln Highway Association. ... **Jan Knueve**, (jknueve@yahoo.com). 17607 Howe Road, Monroeville, In. 46773, Jan is a member of St. Louis parish, and her family line is: *Gerardot, Pequignot, Barclay, and Ryan*. Her sister, Julie Nolan is a volunteer at the archives. ... **Lisa Finner**, (nanalea3@msn.com) 5721 Countess Drive, Ft Wayne, IN 46815 The families she is interested in: *Havert, Didier, and Joly*. ... **Diane Lomont Bieri**, 581 Eastlake Drive, SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124. Her ancestors include: *Lomont, Gerardot, Ternet, Rausis, Gladieux and Maire*. ... **Nolan Gerardot**, 2727 Hoevelwood Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46806.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Connie Cadwell: cmcadwell@earthlink.net

THANK YOU: For Your Generous Donations: Annette Lomont, Wm. Martin, Marianne Doyle, LaDonna Warrick, Barbara Lomont Broach, and Charlotte Giant.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO: Joan Jacquay Monnier, on the death of her husband, Roger D. Monnier in January of this year. Roger was the son of the late Joseph Edward and Amelia (Guenin) Monnier.

THANK YOU: To each and every one of you who are so generous to give of your families history, and of your own tireless research. The people who love genealogy are the most sharing and helpful I can ever hope to be associated with. (and friendly!).

CORRECTIONS, CORRECTIONS: Dear Reader, the sharp of eyes of **Don Fry**, a member living in Florida, brought to my attention and my embarrassment the mistake that was made in the family history of **Henry Eli** and **Lillian Helen Ternet Gerardot** that was featured in the November, 2004 issue of the Chronicles. **Sister Rita Clair** is living in Terra Haute, Indiana; and I have been enjoying a Email correspondence with her. Corrections of the dates are: Henry Eli, born 16 June, 1885; the marriage date for Henry and Lillian: 01 October 1912. **Wilbur Louis** married **Hilda Anderson** on 23 September 1939. **Mary Eileen** married **Bernard Reiner** on 28 September 1939 and **Mary** married **Carl Ottenweller** on 14 January 1942. **Juanita C. Gerardot Anderson** died 02 September 1984. I do appreciate all information, and that includes corrections; I do not cross check dates or names; unless something looks totally out of sinc; such as a date; 1998 when it should be 1898. I do not have the resources at hand; and I must take what I receive at face value. So,

"A MAN OF WORDS AND NOT OF DEEDS IS LIKE A GARDEN FULL OF WEEDS"

... old French nursery rhyme

Jefferson Twp. #4



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL # 4*
CARRIE BEHRMAN, Teacher.

This picture was donated to the archives by Diana Gallagher; there is no date on it.

At this time the children identified are top row, far right: Gladys Gremaux

Second row, third from the right: Clifford "Kingfish" Gremaux

And seated first on the right: Wilmer "Boomer" Gremaux

Do you recognize anyone?

*School #4 was in the NE corner of Edgerton and Rousey Roads on land owned by F. Rousey.
(Linda Churchward, from Allen County Genealogy was able to give me the information that in 1898 there were ten public schools, with the locations, in Jefferson Township)

Yester Year... copied and submitted by Jane Morow



Journal Gazette, Feb. 12, 1913 ZULU NEWS ... Messrs **Arthur Oberley, Emile Comment, Henry Reuille, Clement Girardot and Lester Frane** were the parties hired to do the hauling of the ice for **Henry Girardot** at Zulu. They hauled a fine bunch and Mr. Girardot will have cool ice to hand out to his patrons next summer. **Mrs. Josephine Townsend** spent a pleasant afternoon at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. James Perl** Thursday. ... **Mr. Arthur Girardot** has been assisting **Mr. Frank Lothamer** to haul corn to the Tillman elevator the past week. ... **Mr. N. A. Coulardot** was very busy and had a large force out in assisting with the putting up of his ice. Mr. Coulardot put up some fine ice this season and will be ready for the coming hot weather in which to handle butter. ... Several of our citizens attended the Nathan Spaulding sale near Monroeville Saturday. Among them were **Mr. Frank Oberley** and son, **Arthur**, who purchase a fine horse. ... Master **Manford Lomont**, the little son of **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lomont**, trustee of Jefferson Townships was fortunate enough to have the lucky number to draw the chocolate set at the St. Louis' Besançon hall social. The other premiums went out of the congregation. *Journal Gazette, Feb. 25, 1915, ZULU NEWS* ... **Mr. Eugene Bonjour** drove to New Haven on business last Saturday. ... **Mrs. Louis Yoquelet** of Dawkins Station spent some time last week near Whitehouse, Ohio, the guest of her son, **Charles** and family. ... **Mr. Raymond Mourey** was out motoring last Saturday. ... **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vanhorn** and two sons of Fort Wayne spent Sunday at the home of the formers brother, **Mr. Maynard Vanhorn** and family. ... **Mr. Edward Monnot** was a caller in Monroeville Monday. ... Last Saturday afternoon at the home of **Mrs. William Townsend**, the Jolly Club of Ten, were royally entertained when the club closed their second series of ten orders and meetings and re-organized for the succeeding ten with the change of one of their members, one having moved away during the past year. After business being transacted, the afternoon was spent in social chat and at the close of the day, Mrs. Townsend served her club to a fine supper that was enjoyed by visiting guests, who besides the club members were Mrs. Balser, and daughter **Theresa**. **Miss Marie S(?)**, **Miss Velma Ternet**, and **Miss Hazel Marquard**. The first meeting for the next series will be at the home of **Mrs. Charles Ternet**, she drawing the number 1. ...

Weekly Sentinel, February 6, 1907 ... **Miss Lucetta Rorick**, of Besançon, was hostess for a pretty party on Sunday evening at the house of **N. A. Coulardot**, of Zulu. Pedro was played and prizes won by **Miss Florence Snyder**, of Fort Wayne, and **Frank Roy** for high honors and by **Miss Jennie Merriliat** and **Herschel Jacquay** for consolations. The invited company consisted of Misses **Rosa Lomont, Clara and Lizzie Pepe, Rosa Rorick, Agnes Roy, Julia Henry, Lillie Ternet, Jennie Merriliat, Clarence Lomont, C. F. Lomont, Frank Roy, Edward and Eugene Lomont, Frank Natha and Jay Rorick, Frank Henry, Eugene Martin, Ameil Roussey, William and Henry Girardot, Herschal Jacquay, Frank and Joe Coonrod, Oscar Urbine, George Merriliat, Ellen Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Girardot, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Girardot** of Coshocton, O., **Florence Snyder, Louisa Cattez, Clara and Estella Griff, Rosa Pacient and Laura Urbine**, of Fort Wayne and **Frank Carnelle**, of LaOta Ind. ...

Weekly Sentinel, March 20, 1907

FINE BARN IS BURNED

Heavy Loss Follows Storm Near Zulu Monday Night.

During the thunder storm Monday night a fine barn owned by **Francis Gladieux**, near Zulu, was struck by lightning and was totally destroyed, together with its contents, including twenty tons of hay and a lot of farming implements. The barn was insured in the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company.

Continued from page one French Americans Plan to Help War Stricken Orphans

The use of the auditorium was kindly donated by the International Business College. Each member of the society pledged himself to buy four tickets and to do his best to insure the success of this worthy undertaking.

Parents, who through the great love they bear their own children, may feel it a duty to aid in this work of alleviating the suffering of hundreds of innocent orphans, are invited to buy and send a little pair of shoes for a child, including the donor's card in the footwear so that the recipient in war torn Europe may know in the years to come who the kind American friend was.

Those desiring to make donations of this character or to aid in the movement financially are asked to communicate with **Frank Joly**, custodian of the court house; **Alphonse Girardot**, care of **Pfeiffer and Son**, East Columbia Street, or Prof. C. Michelin, Lincoln Life Building.

Journal Gazette, June 15, 1914, p. 8

French-American Society Members Will Be Honored

Pictures of members of the French American society of Allen county to be presented to the French government in Paris by **Professor Claude Michelin** were taken yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by local photographers in front of the society's hall, corner Columbia and Barr streets. A testimonial of friendship accompanying the picture was signed by the officers and members of the society.

The Comite France-Amerique, of Paris will welcome this gift with great pleasure, for they will find in the group many veterans of the French army. Among them are the following:

Jules Simons, veteran of the Franco-Prussian war in 1870, army of the Rhine. He took part in the battle of Villersexel under **General Bourbaki** on the 9th day of January, 1871; later was made prisoner and kept in jail in Switzerland.

Michel Ehrman, veteran of the African war of 1871, 1st regiment of Zouaves, Algiers.

Joseph Charles Toussaint, 82nd regiment of infantry, Sens., Class 1877.

A. M. Girardot (of the firm of Pfeiffer & Son). African division, Oran. Class 1879.

August Sarranzin, 6th regiment of Cuirassiers (heavy artillery). Paris, Class 1882.

Joseph Girardot, (secretary of French society), sergeant 6th regiment infantry, Saintes, Chte, infantry, Class 1894.

Joseph Schmidt, corporal 152nd regiment infantry, Girarmet, Vosges, Class 1901.

Claude Michelin, first lieutenant 1st regiment of Spahis, African cavalry, still commissioned as major in the territorial army. (Foreign recruiting service).

While abroad, Professor Michelin, will try to obtain for Mr. Jules Simons the military medal given to the survivors of the Franco-Prussian war, to which he is rightfully entitled.

Journal Gazette, April 28, 1916, p. 16

Professor Michelin Lectures

Under the auspices of the French-American society an entertainment benefit was given last evening in the Empress theatre for the war orphans. The theatre was well filled, and after a program of music and dance given by **Miss Pepe**, **Mrs. Kirkland**, **Miss Centlivre**, and others, **Professor Claude Michelin** gave one of his lectures on the war, illustrated with stereopticon pictures.

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Professor Michelon apologized for his lack in being unable to manipulate the American language as he would like to in order to express himself fittingly and he first took time to explain the outfit of a soldier, including the first bright regimentals which had to be discarded because of attracting too much attention as targets from the enemy. Professor Michelon injects a wholesome humor into his talk upon a grim subject, preferring not to dwell too much upon the gruesome side of it; but he well brings out the uselessness and cruelty of the present war and its methods of warfare, and pays 'tribute to woman and the power she may yield in bringing the carnage to an end'.

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, August 15, 1910

French-Americans Name Officers.

Frank Joy Elected President—In Flourishing Condition.

The French American society of Allen county, in session Sunday afternoon in Langard hall, elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: President: **Frank Joly**, Vice Pres: **Frank Didier**, Recording Sec: **Joseph Girardiaux**, Financial Sec: **Frank Manuel**, Treasurer: **Charles F. Centlivre**, Trustee for three years: **Charles J. Roy**, of Perry Twp., Trustee for two years: **C. F. Joly**, Trustee for one year: **Julian Selmond**. Sentinel: **James Girard**.

The French American society is in an excellent condition in every way. Financially, it is strong and substantial. In membership, it has 250 members and is constantly adding more. The society is contemplating the erection of a new home building of its own and the feeling is that such a building will be erected within a few years at the most. The members are looking forward with much interest to the annual picnic of the organization to be held at Centlivre park, September 5, Labor day.

Editor's Note: A picture was taken in June of 1915 at Centlivre Park and had the following people in it. These were some of the members that were identified by **Allen and Gladys Lomont** and their friends. The Besançon Historical Society is very pleased to have a copy of this picture in its archives.

Louis S. Gladieux, Amiel Gladiux, Louis J. Gladieux, George Townsend, William Townsend, Amiel Roussey, Frank Roussey, William Roussey, Fred Rosselot (President, 1915), Hypolite Coulardot, Narcis Coulardot, Louis Urbine, Jesse Cayot, Frank Kline, Joseph Reuille, Amiel Pepe, Charles Frane, Lester Frane, Fred Rosselot, Jr, Harry Rosselot, Jule Touisaint, Joseph Touisaint, Jesse Banet, Henry Banet, Alex Banet, Frank J. Belot, Clem Didier, Frank E. Lomont, Charles Lomont, Ernest Lomont, Clem Lomont, Henry J. Girardot, Clem Girardot, Joseph Coulardot, Chas Sarrazine, Alphonse Girardot, Arsane Gremaux, Charles (Mike) Gladieux, Charles Ternet, Raymond Mourey, Pidgy Trenchet, Frank Gladieux, Peter Urbine, Louis Voirol, Joseph Parrot, Charles Corneille, Elmer Monnier, Joe Letot, Louis Centlivre, Louis Pion, Charles Pion, Bobays (2), Frank Mourey, and ? Kleinreichert.



Besançon of Jefferson Township was not the only settlement settled by the French in the 1800s', The older parish was **St. Vincent de Paul** located north of Ft Wayne where most of the original settlers began arriving in the early 1840s. Records for the church begin in 1856 with baptism, 1889 for confirmation, 1861 for marriage and 1892, deaths. The first church was a log cabin erected in 1846, on land donated by **Isadore Pichon**, a former soldier in Napoleon's army who had been in the invasion of Russia. The first Catholic meeting was organized in his home in 1839 with 15 families attending. At different times the French settlement of Picheon has been known by various names: Nouveau Gaul, New France, Froyale Settlement and finally Academie, Indiana. Academie was located in the SW quarter of section 2, Washington Township, Allen County, Indiana. Academie was platted by Samuel Carey Evans in 1874; and consisted of 36 lots. The sole East West street was named **Urbine**. A great many of the settlers were related to those of St. Louis Besançon and came from the same French speaking areas originated in Haute-Saône and Doubs and the area of Switzerland that borders on Doubs. **Father Benoit** began attending the settlement in 1843. In this issue we present the first three generations of **Jean Claude and Mary Frances Reinger Grosjean**. Some of names you might associate with Besançon are **Pepe, Sarrazin, Girardot, Corneille, Frane and Banet**.

Descendants of Jean Claude Grosjean;

Information gathered by **Don F. Parrott**. Preliminary Study by **Father Charles Banet**, July 20, 1976

Generation No. 1 1. **JEAN CLAUDE1 GROSJEAN** was born 1785 in France, and died Aft. 1860 in Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana. He married **MARY FRANCES REINGNER** 1804 in France. She was born 1785 in France, and died Aft. 1860 in Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana.

Children of **JEAN GROSJEAN** and **MARY REINGNER** are:

2. i. **JEANNE FRANCOISE2 GROSJEAN**, b. Abt. 1813; d. 1903.
3. ii. **CLAUDE FRANCOIS GROSJEAN**, b. Abt. 1809, France; d. Bef. 1857, Indiana.
- iii. **AUGUST GROSJEAN**, b. Abt. 1816; d. July 17, 1837; m. **THERESE FRANCOISE**.
4. iv. **JEAN BAPTISTE SR. GROSJEAN**, b. May 03, 1819, Alsace-Lorraine, France; d. October 21, 1891, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana.
- v. **JUSTINE GROSJEAN**, b. Abt. 1820; m. **JOSEPH SARRAZIN**, January 25, 1842.
- vi. **FRANCOISE ROSALIE GROSJEAN**, b. Abt. 1824; m. **ALLEN NICKERSON**, August 08, 1841, Allen County, Indiana.

Generation No. 2 2. **JEANNE FRANCOISE2 GROSJEAN (JEAN CLAUDE1)** was born Abt. 1813, and died 1903. She married **CLAUDE FRANCOIS BRAHIER**.

Children of **JEANNE GROSJEAN** and **CLAUDE BRAHIER** are:

- i. **ADELE3 BRAHIER**, m. **FELIX VIARD**.
- ii. **MARIE JUSTINE BRAHIER**.
5. iii. **MARIE JEAN BAPTISTE ROSALIE BRAHIER**, b. 1836; d. September 24, 1922.

3. **CLAUDE FRANCOIS2 GROSJEAN (JEAN CLAUDE1)** was born Abt. 1809 in France, and died Bef. 1857 in Indiana. He married (1) **JEANNE BAPTISTE JULLIARD**. She was born Abt. 1819 in France, and died Aft. 1880 in Indiana. He married (2) **MARIE JEIME TRIMPELL** June 13, 1911.

Children of **CLAUDE GROSJEAN** and **JEANNE JULLIARD** are:

6. i. **CAROLINE CELENA3 GROSJEAN**, b. June 01, 1844, Allen County, Indiana; d. February 23, 1910, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana.
7. ii. **EUGENIE PAULINE GROSJEAN**, b. Abt. 1848, Indiana.
8. iii. **FRANCIS ADOLPH GROSJEAN**, b. May 1853, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana; d. December 26, 1926, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana.

4. **JEAN BAPTISTE SR.2 GROSJEAN (JEAN CLAUDE1)** was born May 03, 1819 in Alsace-Lorraine, France, and died October 21, 1891 in Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana. He married **MARY REGINA POIRSON** June 19, 1848 in Cathedral, Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana, daughter of **BERNARD POIRSON** and **JUSTINE BARRAND**. She was born April 06, 1824 in Alsace-Lorraine, France, and died April 11, 1897 in Allen Co., Indiana.

Children of JEANBAPTISTE GROSJEAN and MARY POIRSON are:

9. i. **FELIX E.3 GROSJEAN**, b. 1849, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana; d. February 14, 1921, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana.
10. ii. **JOHN JR BAPTISTE GROSJEAN**, b. September 14, 1850, Washington Township, Allen county, Indiana; d. June 05, 1931, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana.
- iii. **JOSEPH GROSJEAN**, b. Abt. 1854, Indiana; d. August 18, 1876.
- iv. **MARY CELIA GROSJEAN**, b. Abt. 1855, Allen Co., Indiana; m. **JOSEPH ERWIN**, May 06, 1880, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
11. v. **EDWARD FRANCIS GROSJEAN**, b. July 17, 1857, Indiana; d. July 17, 1938, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana.
- vi. **(ADA) FELICITE GROSJEAN**, b. Abt. 1860, Allen Co., Indiana; m. (1) **JOHN O ERWIN**, April 17, 1884, Fort Wayne, Indiana; m. (2) **EDWARD GOLDEN**, May 13, 1903, Fort Wayne, Indiana; b. August 14, 1882; d. November 1972.
12. vii. **MARY CLOTHIDE GROSJEAN**, b. April 21, 1861, Allen Co., Indiana.
13. viii. **JULIAN FRANK GROSJEAN**, b. August 05, 1862, Washington Township, Allen county, Indiana; d. May 03, 1933.
14. ix. **ARISTIDE GROSJEAN**, b. 1865, Washington Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. March 04, 1935, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana.
- x. **ELLEN(ELLA) GROSJEAN**, b. Abt. 1868, Indiana; d. February 10, 1910, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana; m. **JOSEPH SALLIER**, August 23, 1887, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- xi. **CLARA E. GROSJEAN**, b. Abt. 1868, Allen Co., Indiana; m. **WILLIAM P MORRISON**, June 09, 1891, Fort Wayne, Indiana; b. Ohio.
- xii. **WILLIAM GROSJEAN**, b. Aft. 1870.

Generation No. 3 5. MARIE JEAN BAPTISTE ROSALIE3 BRAHIER (JEANNE FRANCOISE2 GROSJEAN, JEAN CLAUDE1) was born 1836, and died September 24, 1922. She married **CLAUDE XAVIER FRANCOIS ROUSSEY** 1862, son of **PIERRE ROUSSEY** and **MARIE NARBET**. He was born July 28, 1828 in Bournois, Doubs, France, and died Abt. 1897 in Allen Co., Indiana.

Children of MARIE BRAHIER and CLAUDE ROUSSEY are:

- i. **JOHN P. ROUSSEY**, b. September 04, 1862; d. July 01, 1943.
- ii. **LOUISE ROUSSEY**, b. March 25, 1864.
- iii. **JOSEPH JUSTIN ROUSSEY**, b. February 25, 1867.
- iv. **ROSE JOSEPHINE ROUSSEY**, b. March 29, 1879.

6. **CAROLINE CELENA3 GROSJEAN** (CLAUDE FRANCOIS2, JEAN CLAUDE1) was born June 01, 1844 in Allen county, Indiana, and died February 23, 1910 in Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana. She married **AUGUSTE PEPE** December 05, 1861 in Allen County, Indiana, son of **MARC PEPE** and **THERESE FRENE(FRANE)**. He was born April 19, 1839 in Arcey, France, and died April 14, 1917 in Allen County, Indiana.

Children of CAROLINE GROSJEAN and AUGUSTE PEPE are:

- i. **FRANCIS4 PEPE**, b. October 06, 1862, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; d. November 04, 1895; m. (1) **MARTHE ANNE GERARDOT**, May 25, 1886, St Louis Catholic Church, Besancon; b. January 07, 1864, Allen County, Indiana;
- ii. **AUGUSTE(JULES) JULIAN PEPE**, b. July 05, 1864, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; d. July 11, 1951, Allen County, Indiana; m. **MELISSA M. BOWERS**, January 27, 1891, St Louis Catholic Church, Besancon; b. August 1863, Indiana; d. 1935.
- iii. **ADOLPHUS JOSEPHUS PEPE**, b. April 17, 1866, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; d. December 01, 1884, Burial in St Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besancon.
- iv. **MARIE HENRIETTE PEPE**, b. December 28, 1868, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; m. **GEORGE S. CAMP BELL**, November 10, 1887, Allen County, Indiana.
- v. **EDWARD PEPE**, b. December 23, 1870, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; d. August 22, 1877, Shot accidentally by his brother. (GNL).
- vi. **CLARE CECILIA (CLARISSE) PEPE**, b. March 09, 1872, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; m. **HENRY MASON**, October 26, 1910.

- vii. **CLARISSA PEPE**, b. August 15, 1872; d. 1876.
- viii. **AUGUSTE EMIEL (AMIEL) PEPE**, b. October 11, 1874, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; d. September 24, 1957, Jefferson Twp., Allen County, Indiana; m. **LAURA LOMONT**, July 20, 1904, St Louis Catholic Church, Besancon by Rev. Fr. J. F. Noll; b. November 24, 1875, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; d. December 01, 1938, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana.
- ix. **HENRIETTA EUGENIE PEPE**, b. November 06, 1877, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; d. 1965; m. **ED WARD CHARLES HUGUENARD**, April 21, 1892, St Louis Catholic Church, Besancon; b. 1857; d. 1935.
- x. **MARIE FRANCISCA CLARE PEPE**, b. July 14, 1882, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; m. **HENRY MASON**, October 26, 1919, St Louis Catholic Church, Besancon.
- xi. **ELIZABETH ELISE JULIETTE PEPE**, b. November 13, 1888, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; d. 1986; m. **FRANK E. PRANGER**, September 24, 1912, St Louis Catholic Church, Besancon.

7. **EUGENIE PAULINE³ GROSJEAN (CLAUDE FRANCOIS², JEAN CLAUDE¹)** was born Abt. 1848 in Indiana. She married **CASIMIR CORNEILLE** May 15, 1866.

Children of **EUGENIE PAULINE GROSJEAN** and **CASIMIR CORNEILLE** are:

- i. **JOSEPH⁴ CORNEILLE**, b. 1867.
- ii. **EUGENIE² CORNEILLE**, b. Abt. 1873; m. **ALFRED WESTERBURG**, October 19, 1898.

8. **FRANCIS ADOLPH³ GROSJEAN (CLAUDE FRANCOIS², JEAN CLAUDE¹)** was born May 1853 in Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana, and died December 26, 1926 in Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana. He married **JOSEPHINE M MASON** November 04, 1879.

Children of **FRANCIS GROSJEAN** and **JOSEPHINE MASON** are:

- i. **JOHN BAPTIST⁴ GROSJEAN**, b. October 07, 1880; d. September 07, 1964; m. **EDNA BANET**, October 08, 1918, Allen County, Indiana; b. March 05, 1882; d. August 13, 1967, Allen Co., Indiana.
- ii. **MARY A. GROSJEAN**, b. October 1882, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana; d. February 18, 1937.
- iii. **EUGENIE (JANE) L. GROSJEAN**, b. March 29, 1885, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana; m. **JOSEPH L BOBAY**, June 09, 1908, Allen County, Indiana.
- iv. **AMELIA B GROSJEAN**, b. March 29, 1889, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana; d. June 09, 1945, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois; m. **EDWARD FRANK PARROT**, June 22, 1909, Fort Wayne, Indiana; b. October 04, 1887, Allen Co., Indiana; d. March 20, 1947, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana.
- v. **AGNES C. GROSJEAN**, b. July 01, 1893, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana; d. November 29, 1967, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana.
- vi. **JOSEPHINE A. GROSJEAN**, b. May 1894; m. **EDWIN W. SCHOWE, SR**; b. Abt. 1893, Indiana.
- vii. **JULIA A. GROSJEAN**, b. March 29, 1898, Indiana; d. Aft. November 30, 1967; m. **RAYMOND BOBAY**; b. July 22, 1899; d. July 19, 1980.

9. **FELIX E.³ GROSJEAN (JEANBAPTISTE SR.², JEAN CLAUDE¹)** was born 1849 in Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana, and died February 14, 1921 in Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana. He married **RUTH ANN COOK** October 30, 1870 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Children of **FELIX GROSJEAN** and **RUTH COOK** are:

- i. **HARRY⁴ GROSJEAN**, b. 1874.
- ii. **EDITH M GROSJEAN**, b. 1878.

10. **JOHN JR BAPTISTE³ GROSJEAN (JEANBAPTISTE SR.², JEAN CLAUDE¹)** was born September 14, 1850 in Washington Township, Allen County, Indiana, and died June 05, 1931 in Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana. He married (1) **MARY HUDSON** October 16, 1873 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was born in Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana, and died 1880. He married (2) **MARY COOK** March 30, 1882 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, daughter of **JACOB COOK** and **ELIZABETH PEGG**. She was born in Indiana.

Children of JOHNJR GROSJEAN and MARY HUDSON are:

- i. **EDGAR H.4 GROSJEAN**, b. 1873; m. **LENA CHRISTMAN**, August 25, 1898, Allen County, Indiana.
- ii. **ABBIE GROSJEAN**.

Children of JOHNJR GROSJEAN and MARY COOK are:

- iii. **ERNEST4 GROSJEAN**, b. August 12, 1887, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana.
- iv. **RALPH GROSJEAN**, b. 1892, Arcola, Wayne Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. January 02, 1905, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana.
- v. **VELMA GROSJEAN**.

11. **EDWARD FRANCIS3 GROSJEAN (JEANBAPTISTE SR.2, JEAN CLAUDE1)** was born July 17, 1857 in Indiana, and died July 17, 1938 in Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana. He married **MARTHA HUDSON** September 26, 1880, daughter of **JAMES HUDSON** and **NELINIE COOK**. She was born December 29, 1849 in Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana, and died April 02, 1912 in Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana.

Children of EDWARD GROSJEAN and MARTHA HUDSON are:

- i. **RAYMOND O.4 GROSJEAN**, b. November 28, 1882, Allen Co., Indiana; d. May 27, 1962, Allen Co., Indiana; m. **MARY S. STOCKBRIDGE**, May 13, 1903; b. 1882, Allen Co., Indiana; d. March 21, 1958, Allen Co., Indiana.
- ii. **OLIVE A. GROSJEAN**, b. 1890, Allen Co., Indiana; d. August 19, 1980, Allen Co., Indiana; m. **UNKNOWN ICKES**.

12. **MARY CLOTHIDE3 GROSJEAN (JEANBAPTISTE SR.2, JEAN CLAUDE1)** was born April 21, 1861 in Allen Co., Indiana. She married **BENJAMIN MCQUISTON** September 09, 1886 in Allen County, Indiana.

Child of MARY CLOTHIDE GROSJEAN and BENJAMIN MCQUISTON is:

- i. **IRENE ELIZA4 MCQUISTON**, b. July 1894, Allen Co., Indiana.

13. **JULIAN FRANK3 GROSJEAN (JEANBAPTISTE SR.2, JEAN CLAUDE1)** was born August 05, 1862 in Washington Township, Allen County, Indiana, and died May 03, 1933. He married **MATILDA GRACE SECHLER** August 21, 1888 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, daughter of **JACOB SECHLER** and **CATHERINE HORN**. She was born 1872, and died February 05, 1939.

Children of JULIAN GROSJEAN and MATILDA SECHLER are:

- i. **ETHEL4 GROSJEAN**, b. May 23, 1891; m. **AMOS M. HAFOR**, November 25, 1914, Allen County, Indiana; b. November 19, 1886.
- ii. **J. ARTHUR GROSJEAN**, b. October 1896, Allen Co., Indiana; d. July 09, 1967, Allen Co., Indiana.
- iii. **HAROLD HERBERT GROSJEAN**, b. July 03, 1905, Allen Co., Indiana; d. August 16, 1958, Allen Co., Indiana; m. **GOLDIE LUCILLE FEASER**, October 26, 1929, Fort Wayne, Indiana; b. April 23, 1903, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana; d. September 13, 1997, Allen Co., Indiana.

14. **ARISTIDE3 GROSJEAN (JEANBAPTISTE SR.2, JEAN CLAUDE1)** was born 1865 in Washington Township, Allen County, Indiana, and died March 04, 1935 in Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana. He married **SARAH E. LITTLE** October 22, 1889 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, daughter of **ALBERT LITTLE** and **MARY HUMBERT**. She was born 1870 in Allen Co., Indiana.

Children of ARISTIDE GROSJEAN and SARAH LITTLE are:

- i. **WADGE L4 GROSJEAN**, b. 1891, Allen Co., Indiana; d. February 18, 1981, Allen Co., Indiana; m. **MAE V. BISHOP**; b. 1897; d. October 06, 1969, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana.
- ii. **AMBER E. GROSJEAN**, b. March 16, 1895, Allen Co., Indiana; m. **PAUL F. SCHROEDER**, August 25, 1917, Fort Wayne, Indiana.



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The following article is taken from
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ANCESTORS OF THE GROGEAN FAMILY
OF SHELBY COUNTY, OHIO

In this issue we trace the Grogean family, which has been in Shelby County since about 1850. However, the founder of the family, **Stephen** (or Etienne in French), reached American much earlier. He is included on the manifest of the ship *Silvie de Grasses*, which arrived in the port of New York on 30 April 1839. At that time he was 23 years old and unmarried.

Etienne was born on 19 June 1815 in the village of Dorans (Territory of Belfort). Although the family name is rendered variously in the French records, **GROSJEAN** seems to be used most frequently.

By 1850, Stephen/Etienne was in Shelby County, Ohio, where the census lists him as **Stephen Groglin**, with wife Victoria, 30; daughters Celestina, 4 and Cecelia, 3. Three other children were born in Shelby county before the death of his wife, **Victoire Moine** on 14 November 1865. She is buried in Saint Remy Cemetery in Russia, Ohio.

After about eight and a half years as a widower (in April, 1874), at the age of 59, Stephen married **Virginia Poly** (who emigrated from Frahier, France to Darke County in 1846). Stephen Grogean died 3 February 1883 and is buried in Saint Remy Cemetery, Russia, Shelby County, Ohio. #

When I contacted Marianne and asked her to use this information she replied: "*I know there is/was a Grosgean family in the Fort Wayne area, but I haven't been able to connect it with the Etienne who settled in Shelby County, Ohio. He apparently had a couple of brothers, one who died in France, the other whose fate I don't know. So whether there is any connection is still not settled.*"