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**Eugene James Kline and
Mary Josephine Chevillot Kline**

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Windows of the Past
Frederic and Eugene James Kline
By Alma Kline Gevers

Frederic and Eugene James Kline, father and son, are two of the names found on the first window on the East side of St. Louis Church in Besançon. Their strong Catholic faith was important to them, and they shared the beauty of the place of worship with so many others that they donated extra funds for the leaded glass window. It is through their sacrifice of hard earned money that we can appreciate the beauty of the windows today.

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President's Message...

In April my daughter Terri and I attended the Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) convention in Akron, Ohio. The speakers were informative and there were six speakers to choose from at every session. The conference is two days (Friday and Saturday) with some groups meeting on Thursday evening. There were also many vendors at the exhibition center. OGS is the largest state society and is always expanding their holdings and printing more books. There is a state cemetery index with locations, a marriage index before 1820, Ohio wills and estates to 1850 index and a first families roster. The OGS has their holdings in Mansfield, Ohio. They are in their second building and planning a new building to be constructed. Land was donated in Mansfield and plans have been developed for a larger complex. The OGS library contains family books, county books, an ancestor file index, genealogical magazines and an assortment of other state books. Members of OGS are encouraged to qualify their ancestors for First Families (ancestors in Ohio before 1820), Civil War (any relative), and Settlers and Pioneers (1820-1850).

Joining societies is one of the best ways to gather data on your family. Writing letters is also a good way but have you ever had an answer from the grave? Terri wrote about our experience that started in April of 1996 when we were returning from an OGS convention. We detoured to the Maple Grove cemetery in North Lewisburg, Ohio where my fifth great grandfather's brother, Abraham Curl (1816-1896) is buried. William E. Curl is an ancestor who is next to impossible to trace

He died young and did not own any land. In July 1996, we were in the area again and stopped at the cemetery. There were three urns with freshly planted flowers on Curl graves. We went into town to see if anyone knew who put the flowers in the urns.

We talked to the mayor, the postmaster, the banker and the cemetery custodian but no one knew the answer. The fall of 1996 Terri wrote three letters, put them in freezer bags and half buried them in the three urns that were on the Curl graves. In June of 1997, a reply was received from the great granddaughter of Abraham Curl. She lives in Columbus, Ohio and had placed the flowers on the graves. She found only one letter that was intact and wrote to us. She also had a letter that was written by Abraham before he died. He stated who his parents were and that William and he lived with their Uncle after their father died. Whoever thought our forefathers could answer us! Genealogists are a stubborn lot and will do about anything to get their questions answered. If you have a good story to tell, let us know. We would love to print it.

... *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 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

Friends of Besançon ...



Deepest Sympathies to the Family of... **Nolan Gerardot** who was a descendant of one of the first families of Besançon: **Alexis and Marie (Rivard) Gerardot**. His parents were: **Maurice N. and Ellen C. (Ryan) Gerardot**. Mr. Gerardot passed away April 4 of this year.

Thank You ... to **Judy Schoff, MaryJane Novosel and John Palmer** for your generous donations

New E-Mail address ... **Mary Diersten**: mdiers4230@comcast.net .

Re-appointed ... **Thomas Castaldi** was re-appointed to serve as Allen County Historian by the Indiana Historical Society. His address is 13707 Brook Hollow Ct. Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Added to archives: ... by **Sheryl Poorman**, family pedigree charts including Girardot, Gerardot, Favret, Rose and Lantz families. Pictures, obits and newspaper clippings are included. A wonderful addition!



Editors note: An old French saying: "The more things change, the more they remain the same" ... here from over one hundred years ago, are four separate articles concerning legal matters ... in the one case, "names have been printed to protect the innocent." Again, Thanks, Jane

November 21, 1905 News Sentinel

WANTS TO GET WASHINGTON ... Demented Man with Queer Request Disturbs Zulu People.

Sheriff Grice was notified this afternoon that a stranger was going from house to house in the neighborhood of Zulu asking for telephone connections with Washington. (D.C.) His queer actions incited the belief that he was demented and the officers were called. Deputy Sheriffs **Huguenard and Hartel** were sent out to investigate. *The following day:* The man who was annoying people in the neighborhood of Zulu yesterday by his queer antics, was charged with vagrancy in **Justice Skelton's** court and fined \$5 and costs.

July 16, 1902 News Sentinel ... The county commissioners Friday were wrestling with ditch matters and had no trouble whatever. There were no remonstrance's, no kickers and only a few petitions for new ditches. They were disposed of as follows: On the petition for the Leininger ditch in Jackson Twp, **George Townsend, Celestin Gladieux, and John Orrick** were appointed viewers; Huguenard ditch, Jefferson Twp, **J. R. Emenhiser, Jasper Jones, and W. S. Spindler** were appointed viewers; Felger ditch, Lake Twp, **Florentine Roy, August Tonkel, and James McComb** were appointed viewers.

July 23, 1908, Fort Wayne News Sentinel ...

WOMAN SUES FOR \$3, 000 ON ACCOUNT OF HER INJURIES ... Alleges She Was Injured in a Runaway and is Still Disabled. Mrs. B. has filed suit in the superior court to recover \$3,000 from Mr. G. for injuries alleged to have been sustained by reason of a runaway that took place July 8 between Monroeville and Zulu. She says that the runaway was caused by the fact that G. was driving a colt that had run away before.

The complaint sets out that on the day in question, Mrs. B. was driving from Monroeville to Zulu and that G. passed her, driving a double team consisting of the colt and an old horse. He hitched his team to a rack and she passed it there. Then the horses broke loose because the rack was rotten and collided with a carriage in which she was riding.

She says she was trampled by the horse after she fell between the wheels of her own rig. That they stepped on her face, body and neck and broke her shoulder blade. Judge R. B. Dreibelbiss is her attorney.

October 29, 1902, Sentinel ... The Fort Wayne, Van Wert and Lima traction company last week filed three suites for re-portionment of property, which, reduced to plain English, means that they have filed three suits for condemnation of the right of way for their road. The defendants are **Celestin Gladieux, Ida S. Miller and Joseph Townsend**, all of whose property lies east of New Haven.

Yester Year... copied and submitted by Jane Morow

Ft Wayne Sentinel, 2/18/1890 ... BIRTHDAY SURPRISE: A very pleasant birthday party took place at the residence of Mr. **Casamier Urbine**, on the 10th of February. The party was given in honor of the seventy-sixth year or birthday of Mr. Urbine. His sons, **Peter and Louis**, and daughters, **Mrs. Mary Joly and Mrs. Ada Gerardot**, presented him with an elegant upholstered rocking chair and many other useful presents. After enjoying a few hours of mirth and humor with Mr. Urbine, one of the oldest and most staunch democrats of Allen county, they partook of a sumptuous supper and returned to their homes, feeling as though such a reunion helped to lighten life's pathways "*One Who Was Present*". Ft. Wayne News, 5/10/1898 ... **Leon Berthand** has been appointed administrator of the estate of **Casimir and Josephine Urbine**. Ft. Wayne Sentinel 8/18/1890 ... GOES TO FRANCE. **J. B. Dupeyron**, of Zulu, is in the city on a visit with friends. Mr. Dupeyron will leave next week for France, where he will make an extended visit with friends and relatives. He may decide to make that country his future home. Ft. Wayne News 06/13/1898 ... Real Estate Transfers: **Alexis Gerardot**, guardian to **Louis C. Urbine**, et al., east 1/2, southeast 1/4, Sec 19, and north 1/2, northwest 1/4, Sec 29, town 30, range 14 east, and lots 8 and 9, town of Maples, for \$107. **Peter Urbine** et al. to **Louis C. Urbine**, west 1/2, west 1/2, northwest 1/4, Sec 29, Tp 30, range 14 east, containing 40 acres, for \$1,200. **Peter Urbine** et al. to **Adeline Gerardot**, west 1/2, east 1/2, southwest 1/4, Sec 19, Tp 30, range 14 east, containing 39 acres, for \$1,200. **Peter Urbine** et al. to **Mary Joly**, east 1/2, east 1/2, southeast 1/4, Sec 19, Tp. 30, range 14 east, containing 39 acres, for \$1,200. **Louis C. Urbine** et al. to **Peter Urbine**, east 1/2, west 1/2, northwest 1/4, Sec 29, Tp 30 range 14 east, containing 40 acres for \$1,200. **Martha Pape** et al. to **Louis C. Urbine**, et al., lots 8 and 9, town of Maples, for \$1.00. Fort Wayne Sentinel 10/25/1899 ... **Miss Emma Joly** has returned from Dallas, Texas where she went two weeks ago to visit friends. Ft. Wayne News, 07/24, 1902 ... ON VACATION TRIPS. **John J. Beugnot**, the foreman of the car machine shop of the Pennsylvania company in this city, will leave tonight for a trip through the east. He will visit New York, Philadelphia and several other cities. He expects to be gone from two to three weeks. Ft. Wayne Sentinel, 08/20/1907 COUNTRY PARTIES: **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lomont** of Jefferson township gave a party on Sunday to honor of **Jesse Lothamer**, who will leave early in September for St. Charles college, near Baltimore, Md., and **Miss Rose Lomont**, who has just returned from an extended visit at New Decatur, Ala. An elaborate dinner was served the guests, who passed a pleasant day. There were present: **Mr. and Mrs. James Lechier**, of Ft Wayne, **Alphonse Lomont**, **Mrs. Annie Quince**, of Payne, O., **Mrs. August Voirol**, **Misses Nora and Lila Gladieux**, **Agnes Roy**, **Rose Lomont**, **Lillie Ternet**, **Clara Pepe**, **Lucetta** and **Rose Rorick**, **Juliet Henry**, **Irene Roy**, **Irene Girardot**, **Hattie Bowers**, **Aurelia** and **Cecelia Mowery**, **Florence** and **Ellen Snyder**, **Louise Catey**, **Annie Voirol**, **Laura Roussey**, **Militine**, **Pio**, **Frances Dodane**, **Frances Lomont** and **Messrs. Henry Girardot**, **Edward** and **Cletus Lomont**, **Frank Roy**, **Lansing Giant**, **Harmon Voirol**, **Frank Voriol**, **Ervin** and **Dennis Lothamer**, **Eugene** and **Ed Martin**, **Lawrence Bowers**, **Clarence Lomont**, **Frank Henry**, **Clement** and **Frank Rorick**, **Joseph Conrad**, **Leonard Mowery**, **Frank Walket**, **Joseph Thiebaut** of Kendallville, **Henry Muldany**, **Jerome Chevillot**, **Amiel Roussey**, **Raymond Shugars**, **John Ernest**, **John Ternet**, **Harold Crozier**, and **Clarence Roy**.

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Frederic and Eugene James Kline ... History and pedigree charts

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FREDERIC KLINE was born on June 04, 1798 in France and died January 29, 1876 in Jefferson Township, Indiana. He married **MARIE JANEL**. She was born 1814 in Paris, France, and died November 25, 1910. He was one of the very early settlers of Jefferson Township. He arrived in America through the port of New York in 1831 from the port of LaHarve. Frederick and his father-in law, **LAWRENCE JANEL**, purchased an 80 acre farm at \$30 dollars an acre in Lake Township, Allen County before moving to Jefferson Township in 1853 where he had purchased a 40 acre farm for \$104 dollars an acre on the Paulding Road. Six generations have lived or worked on this farm. **Maurice and Mary (Dawson) Kline** live on the property at this time. (12626 Paulding Road)

As more and more French settlers arrived, a French-speaking community around Besançon was formed. Frederic and his family were part of the group who met to establish the parish of St. Louis Catholic Church. He rented Pew #39 in the new church in 1870-71. His name is on a window on the east side of the church. Eugene was a young, single man when the present church was under construction, but he contributed to the window on the east side of the church with his father. At least eight generations of descendants of his family have been a part of St. Louis. Both he and his wife are buried in the old cemetery.

Children of FREDERICK KLINE and MARIE JANEL are:

2. i. **MARY MEADLIN² KLINE**, b. 1834; d. September 20, 1909. m. **Peter Ladig** b. 1824; d:1877
3. ii. **FRANCIS KLINE**, b. 1838; d. 1867. m. **Mary Madelina (Lena)**
4. iii. **EUGENE JAMES KLINE**, b. June 15, 1840; d. April 10, 1928, m: **Mary Josephine Chevillot** b: 1854 :d 1940
5. iv. **ANNA JOSEPHINE KLINE**, b. Abt. 1842; m. (1) **PETER JOSEPH GIANT**; m. (2) **HENRY CASTLEMAN**.
- v. **MARY LOUISE MARAGRET KLINE**, b. 1848; d. 1902; m. (1) **JOSHUA SHUSTER**; m. (2) **JULIUS BIEGEL**.
- vi. **PETER KLINE**, b. 1850; d. 1926.
- vii. **JOHN B. KLINE**, b. 1854; d. 1920.
- viii. **NICHOLAS CHARLES KLINE**, b. 1857; d. 1937.

Generation No. 2

2. **MARY MEADLIN² KLINE** (FREDERICK¹) was born 1834, and died September 20, 1909. She married **PETER LADIG**. He was born 1824, and died April 22, 1877. Both Mary and Peter are buried in St. John Roman Catholic cemetery in New Haven, Indiana.

Children of MARY KLINE and PETER LADIG are:

- i. **JOHN³ LADIG**, b. 1853.
- ii. **CATHERIN LADIG**, b. 1858.
- iii. **NICHOLAS LADIG**, b. 1861.
- iv. **CHARLES LADIG**, b. 1862.
- v. **MARGARET LADIG**, b. 1865; m. **JOHN LORRAINE**.
- vi. **MARY LADIG**, b. 1865.
- vii. **HENRY LADIG**, b. 1868; m. **MINNIE MARQUART**.

3. **FRANCIS² KLINE** (FREDERICK¹) was born 1838, and died 1867. Francis Kline lost is life while felling a tree. He married **MARY MADELINA (LENA)**.

Children of FRANCIS KLINE and MARY (LENA) are:

- i. **CHRISTINA³ KLINE**, m. UNKNOWN PARROT.
- ii. **OTHILA KLINE**.

4.. **EUGENE JAMES² KLINE** (**FREDERICK¹**) was born June 15, 1840, and died April 10, 1928 in Jefferson Township. He lost a leg while building a log house. A log fell and crushed his leg. He married **MARIE JOSEPHINE CHEVILLOT** January 27, 1874, daughter of **AUGUST CHEVILLOT** and **MARY JARDON**. She was born 1854 in Shuffield, Connecticut, and died 1940.

Children of **EUGENE KLINE** and **MARIE CHEVILLOT** are:

5. i. **NICHOLAS AUGUST³ KLINE**, b. October 26, 1874; d. December 01, 1961.
6. ii. **FRANCIS FREDERIC KLINE**, b. April 23, 1876, d. March 09, 1963,
7. iii. **MARIE LEONA KLINE**, b. January 06, 1879; d. 1964.
8. iv. **MELANIE (EMMA) EUGENIE KLINE**, b. June 25, 1880; d. 1970.
- v. **EMILIE ROSALIE KLINE**, b. 1881; d. 1891.
- vi. **JULIE AUGUSTA KLINE**, b. 1883; d. October 06, 1886.
- vii. **LOUISA EUGENIE KLINE**, b. October 10, 1885; d. 1886.
- viii. **MARIE EUGENIE KLINE**, b. May 1886.
9. ix. **HENRY EUGENE KLINE**, b. 1887; d. 1971.
10. x. **LUCY JOSEPHINE KLINE**, b. February 24, 1889; d. March 23, 1968.

Generation No. 3

5. **NICHOLAS AUGUST³ KLINE** (**EUGENE JAMES², FREDERICK¹**) was born October 26, 1874, and died December 01, 1961. He married **IDA M. BACON**, daughter of **SAMUEL J. BACON** and **JOSEPHINE DIDIER**. She was born June 16, 1884, and died October 27, 1953.

Children of **NICHOLAS KLINE** and **IDA BACON** are:

- i. **INFANT⁴ KLINE**, b. April 17, 1903; d. April 17, 1903.
- ii. **FRANK ARTHUR KLINE**, b. November 13, 1904. Occupation: Farmer, Well driller;
Pennsylvania RR
- iii. **JOHN B. KLINE**, b. January 17, 1907; d. January 08, 1932, Auburn, DeKalb County, Indiana.
- iv. **CHARLES NICHOLAS KLINE**, b. December 29, 1909; d. October 28, 1960, m. (1) **AVONA MOCK**;
m. (2) **IDA GIBSON GEPHART**; b. February 22, 1923.

6. **FRANCIS FREDERIC³ KLINE** (**EUGENE JAMES², FREDERICK¹**) was born April 23, 1876 in Jefferson Township, Allen county, Indiana, and died March 09, 1963 in Ft Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana. He married **LUCY BACON** May 26, 1897 in St Louis Catholic Church, Besançon, daughter of **SAMUEL J. BACON** and **VIRGINIA GERARDOT**. She was born September 12, 1871 in Jefferson Township, Allen county, Indiana, and died July 07, 1924 in New Haven, Indiana.

Children of **FRANCIS KLINE** and **LUCY BACON** are:

- i. **FRANCES ISABEL⁴ KLINE**, b. June 29, 1898, Jefferson Township, Allen county, Indiana; m.
WILLIAM EARL MOORE, December 30, 1916; d. March 12, 1962.
- ii. **MARY EMMA KLINE**, b. April 15, 1904, Jefferson Township, Allen county, Indiana; d. April
15, 1904, Jefferson Township, Allen county, Indiana.
Tombstone reads:: Age 1 d, buried with brother, James
- iii. **JAMES EUGENE KLINE**, b. June 02, 1904, Jefferson Township, Allen county, Indiana; d.
June 02, 1904, Jefferson Township, Allen county, Indiana.
Tombstone reads:: Age 1 d, 'our loved ones', buried with sister, Mary

7. **MARIE LEONA³ K LINE**(**EUGENE JAMES², FREDERICK¹**) was born January 06, 1879, and died 1964. She married (1) **FRANK LONG**. He was born 1874, and died 1955. She married (2) **CHARLES BOYER**. She was known as "Mammie"

Child of **MARIE KLINE** and **CHARLES BOYER** is:

- i. **CHARLES⁴ BOYER**, m. **ESTHER STRASBURGH**.

8. **MELANIE (EMMA) EUGENIE³ KLINE** (**EUGENE JAMES², FREDERICK¹**) was born June 25, 1880, and died 1970. She married **JEAN (JOHN) SORDELET**. He died 1951.

Children of **MELANIE KLINE** and **JEAN SORDELET** are:

- i. **LOUIS4 SORDELET**, b. 1900; d. 1983; m. **HENRIETTE BROKE**.
- ii. **BLANCHE SORDELET**, b. 1902; d. 1992; m. **GERALD BACON**.
- iii. **MARY SORDELET**, b. 1904; d. 1957; m. **CHARLES CHEVILLOT**.
- iv. **LEONARD SORDELET**, b. 1906; d. 1977; m. **FLORA NUSBAUM**.
- v. **FRANCIS SORDELET**, b. 1908; d. 1983.
- vi. **EDWARD SORDELET**, b. 1911; d. 1976; m. **CARMEN HUMBARGER**.
- vii. **CLARA SORDELET**, b. 1914; d. 1992; m. **FLOYD LASH**.
- viii. **NORBERT SORDELET**, b. 1917; d. 1992; m. **ELINORE UNKNOWN**.

9. **HENRY EUGENE3 KLINE** (EUGENE JAMES2, FREDERICK1) was born 1887, and died 1971. He married **MARIE RENEE GIRARDOT** October 05, 1910 in Jefferson Twp., Allen Co., Indiana, daughter of **JEAN GIRARDOT** and **MARIA BOISSENET**. She was born March 31, 1892 and died 1940.

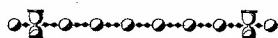
Children of **HENRY KLINE** and **MARIE GIRARDOT** are:

- i. **JULIAN4 KLINE**, b. 1912; d. 1997; m. **JACQUELINE LOOMIS**; b. 1923; d. 1998.
- ii. **AMOS F. KLINE**, b. June 03, 1914; m. **MARCELLA A. BOWERS**; b. 1920; d. 1997.
- iii. **MARY KLINE**, b. 1916; d. 2000 m. **ROBERT NEWPORT**; b. 1913; d. 1986.
- iv. **AILEEN KLINE**, b. 1918; m. **ALVIN SARRAZINE**; b. 1910; d. 1979.
- v. **LOUIS KLINE**, b. 1920; m. **IRENE BOBAY**; b. 1921; d. 1999.
- vi. **MILDRED KLINE**, b. 1921; m. (1) **ROSS CARMONA**; b. 1919; d. 1967. (2) **Albert Beckman** b:1913 d: 1995
- vii. **ORVILLE KLINE**, b. 1923; m. **RUTH MEYERS**; b. 1926; d. 1981.
- viii. **ALMA KLINE**, b. 1924; m. **ROBERT GEVERS**; b. 1913; d. 1991.
- ix. **PAUL KLINE**, b. 1927; m. **BETTY HOLT**; b. 1930; d. 1988.
- x. **NONNA KLINE**, b. 1929; m. **FRANCIS GEELS**; b. 1925.
- xi. **NOEL KLINE**, b. 1931; d. 1979; m. **BEVERLY LANGLY**; b. 1936.
- xii. **MAURICE KLINE**, b. 1932; m. **MARY DAWSON**; b. 1936.
- xiii. **JAMES KLINE**, b. 1936; m. **CLAIRE JENSON**; b. 1941.

10. **LUCY JOSEPHINE3 KLINE** (EUGENE JAMES2, FREDERICK1) was born February 24, 1889, and died March 23, 1968. She married **CHARLES LOUIS MARTIN**, son of **CHARLES MARTIN** and **MARY DIDIER**. He was born October 08, 1882 in Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana, and died January 08, 1970 in Allen County, Indiana.

Children of **LUCY KLINE** and **CHARLES MARTIN** are:

- i. **CLEOPIA4 MARTIN**, b. 1908; d. 1989; m. **JAMES CARTER**; d. 1946.
- ii. **FREDRICK MARTIN**, b. 1910; d. 1975.
- iii. **VIRGIL MARTIN**, b. 1911; d. 1975.
- iv. **LEONA MARTIN**, b. 1913; d. 1913.
- v. **NORBERT MARTIN**, b. 1915; d. 1975; m. **ANNABELL LOVE**; b. 1922; d. 1993.
- vi. **LOUIS WOODROW MARTIN**, b. 1916; d. 1984; m. **URSULA GIRARDOT**; b. 1922; d. 1976.
- vii. **MARYANN MARTIN**, b. 1919; d. 1992; m. **ELMER VOIROL**; b. 1913; d. 1983.
- viii. **LEONARD MARTIN**, b. 1924; d. 2000; m. **BEATRICE COONROD**.
- ix. **RUTHANN MARTIN**, b. 1926; d. 1926.
- x. **RICHARD MARTIN**, b. 1932.



From the Fort Wayne Sentinel; November 23, 1894

Monday, November 19, in Jefferson township, was celebrated the eightieth anniversary of Mrs. Mary Kline's birth. Those present were: Messrs. And Mesdames Julius Riegel, Lewis Parrot, James Kline, Henry Ladig, John Lorain, Nick Giant and their families. Cards and dancing were the amusements indulged in during the evening.

(contributed by Jane Morow)

Descendants of August Chevillot and Josephine Chevillot

Research from Alma Gevers and information taken from Windows of the Past, page 12

Generation No. 1

AUGUST¹ CHEVILLOT was born in Near Belforte, France. He married **MARY JOSEPHINE JARDON**. She was born in Near Belforte, France, on August 29, 1817 and died March 15, 1907 in Jefferson Township, Allen county, Indiana. August arrived in the Untied States in 1850.

According to information from Alma Gevers, Mary Jardon came to the United States in 1854 with two sons. Mary Josephine was born in Shuffield, and then August and Mary moved to Hartford, Connecticut where two more sons were born. They then moved to Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana. She lived in Perry Township with her husband until his death sometime before 1868. Mrs. Chevillot then moved to Jefferson Township to live with her sons, Philip and Jules. She is listed on the 1868 membership list for St. Louis Church. Her name is on a church window located in the storage area in the bell tower (accessible through the choir loft). In her obituary, Mrs. Chevillot is identified as a pioneer woman of Allen County. At that time she was survived by three sons, one daughter, twelve grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Services were held first at her home and then at St Louis Church with **Rev. Charles Dhe** officiating. She is buried in the Old cemetery, grid #13.

Children of **AUGUST CHEVILLOT** and **MARY JARDON** are:

- i. **AUGUSTE² CHEVILLOT**, b. 1847, France; d. 1925; m. **AMELIE SORDELET**.
- ii. **PHILIP CHEVILLOT**, b. 1849; France, d. 1924.
2. iii. **MARIE JOSEPHINE CHEVILLOT**, b. 1854, Shuffield, Connecticut; d. 1940.
- iv. **JULES CHEVILLOT**, b. 1859, Hartford, Connecticut; d. May 17, 1920, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; m. **ADELINE ELIZABETH GERARDOT**; b. March 21, 1874, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; d. December 11, 1945,
- v. **LOUIS CHEVILLOT**, b. Abt. 1859; , Jefferson Township, Allen county, Indiana. d. April 04, 1885



The Jules Girardot Family

Jules Girardot was the son of Joseph Girardot—the family that used the “i” spelling of the name. (see *Windows of the Past*, p. 37).

Mary Irene (Marie Renee) is the little girl by her mother's knee (**Marie F. Boissenet Girardot**). Mary Irene married **Henry E. Kline** October 5, 1910.

Jules Girardot name is on the window in the cry room at St. Louis Catholic Church. *Photos from Alma Kline Gevers*



Henry E. Kline and Mary Irene Girardot
Behind: Henry and Della (Reuille) Girardot

Maples #7 abt 1905 - 1906



Maples School District #7 abt 1905 or 1906. Front row: left to right: Marie Murphy (Eckrich) Clara Martin, Grace Grodrian (Bacon), Nina Martin, Rupert Murphy, Mildred Holmes (Reuille), Ida Bolyard (Giant), Bertha Bolyard (Bacon), Maurice Parnin and Connie Malin. 2nd row: Burton Quinn, Walter Bolyard, Myrtle Ida Meddleton (Love), Ida Grodrian (Minnich), Carrie Parnin, Roy Bentz, Bernadette Murphy. Back row: Nellie Parks, *teacher*, Elmer Miller, Warren Boals, Nettie Stoneman, Agnes Nail (Emenhiser), Lucy Martin (Johnson), Ralph Maple, Nellie Malin, Linda Grodrian (Oehler), Goldia Bundy, Faye Guenther (Zollinger), Minnie Holmes (Brown). *This photo was from the archives of Gladys Nail Lomont, Thanks to Deb Eidson for identifying the students when the Monroeville Breeze ran the picture in the March 16, 2005 issue.*

Margie's Findings ...



Ft Wayne Weekly Sentinel, 6/14/1878 p 3, col 3

Mr. Justin Pio, Jefferson Township, had his house and contents destroyed by fire recently. While in the township a few days since, we were handed a paper being circulated for his relief and we are pleased to say that a considerable amount has been raised (New Haven Palladium)

...By Margie Graham

Are you 'back home in Indiana' this summer?

The Besançon Historical Society Archives will be open Wednesday mornings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month staffed by Jule Nolan and Diana Galligher. Barb Gorney and Gene Yoquelet will take appointments if you cannot make those days.

Appointments can be made anytime even for weekends if convenient for you!

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BESANÇON, Ind.; 6/10/ 1914 p. 5 Journal Gazette

The St. Louis Catholic school gave their commencement and entertainment in their hall Sunday and Monday evenings. The program was as follows: Entrance march, Misses **F. Lomont and V. Ternet**; My Own United States, chorus; Alpine Bells, Miss **Eva Dodane**, salutatory, Master **John Louen**; little Postman, little boys; Over Hills and Dale, Misses **E. and M. Dodane**; Strains from Dreamland, little girls; Parade Review, Misses **E. and M. Dodane**; Tamborine Drill, little girls; France, Dear France, chorus, La Cigale, Miss **E. Dodane**, "Them Teeth" farce in two acts, characters, Dentist, Mr **Joe Dodane**, Mike, office boy, **Clyde Gladioux**, James, student at college, **Clifford Coulardot**; Edward; **Louis Gladioux**, Frank; **Raymond Lothamer**; William: **Cletus Reuille**, Andrew: **Allen Lomont**, Arthur: **Edgar Ort**, Robert: **Clement Henry**, Hans, a patient, **John Loren**; Mr. Smith, a patient, **Clyde Malcuit**, Mr. Brown, a patient, **Edward Gladioux**, Mr. James, a patient, **Cyril Ort**; Policeman No 1, **Lawrence Ryan**, Policeman No 2, **Charles Coulaardot**. Grace, duet, Misses **E. Dodane and F. Lomont**; valedictory, **Miss Hilda Coulardot**, address, **Rev. Mungdvan**, awarding of diplomas, graduates, Master **John Louen and Miss Hilda Coulardot**; Palmer method gradutes, **Miss Velma Ternet and Miss Hilda Coulardot**, Master **Narcie Reuille** received a gold medal for good attendance.

Bans of Matrimony were published Sunday for the first time of **Clarence Roy** of Edgerton, and **Miss Lucy Jacquay** of this place.

The infant child of **Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kline** was christened Sunday, receiving the names **Amos Fredrick**. The sponsors were **Mr. and Mrs. John Sordelet**.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pio, Grandma Meyers and Mildred Huguenard visited with **Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lomont**.

Ft. Wayne Sentinel, 6/15/1917 ORDINATION SERVICES 'Four Young Men Enter the Clergy of Catholic Church Friday. Ordination services were held at the Cathedral Friday morning when four young men were ordained for the clergy. Rt. Rev Bishop Herman Joseph Alerding conferring the sacrament of Holy Orders Those who were ordained were **Rev. J. Dufrane**, Hammond, Ind.; **Rev. Jesse Lothamer**, Besançon, Ind., **Rev. Michael Godace**, South Bend, Ind., and **Rev. John Biernacki**. In addition to relatives of the ordained and members of the clergy, many from all Fort Wayne parishes attended. The 1917 ordination class originally consisted of seven men, but three had already been ordained They were **Rev. Edward Dillon**, **Rev. F. Joseph Hassler** and **Rev. Paul J. Schmid**



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Ft Wayne News Sentinel

John B. Dupeyron

John B. Dupeyron, a well known farmer of the county, died late yesterday afternoon at his home near Besançon of paralysis, with which he was stricken several days ago. He was past 83 years of age, was born in the village of Lestellie, France, on November 18, 1822, and came to this country in 1841, settling in New Orleans, where he conducted a restaurant. In 1851 he moved to Shelby county, Ohio, and in 1857 came to this county and purchased a farm in Jefferson township, where he resided until his death. In 1900, with his only son, **John R. Dupeyron**, he visited his old home in France. He was a member of the Catholic church and for ten years was secretary and treasurer of the St. Louis church at Besançon. The funeral will be held Friday forenoon at 10 o'clock at the Catholic church in Besançon, the **Rev. John F. Noll** officiating.

From Fort Wayne Sentinel, June 10, 1910 *copied and submitted by Jane Morow.*

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT

Young People to Give Two Nights' Program at Besançon

Under the auspices of the sodalities of the Blessed Virgin at St. Louis' Catholic Church, Besançon, a dramatic entertainment will be given in the parish hall on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Rev. Michael P. Louen, the pastor, is contemplating the installation of a heating system in the church and for this benefit the entertainment will be given. The program of ten numbers is as follows:

Overture: "Poet and Peasant" **Lillie Ternet, Eva Dodane**

"The Great Winterson Mine: a drama in three acts.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Ebenezer Winterson, Uncle Eb.....**Clem Rorick**
 Robert Malrose, an artist**Eugene Martin**
 Simeon Stout, with a mania for inventions**John Lomont**
 Jedediah Hawkins, with troubles of his own**Leonard Mourey**
 Jackson Jenkins, Esq., who lives by his wits**Arthur Lomont**
 Pegleg Peterson, Jenkins' partner**William Giradot**
 Aunt Matilda, Winterson's sister**Rose Lomont**
 Grace Winterson, niece**Lillie Ternet**
 Kitty VanCoss, waiting maid, Jedediah's torment....**Anna Voirol**
 Mrs. Simon Stout, whose one burden is Simeon**Laura Roussey**

Members of Singing Class: Farm Hands, etc, **Harmon Voirol, Harry Lomont, Clara Pepe, Lizzie Pepe, Eva Dodane, May Dodane.**

Act I—Scene: Exterior of Winterson's house

Acts II and III Parlor in Wintersons's home

Piano—Valse by Durand**Lillie Ternet**

"The Prime Basso and his Pupil"

Hazel Houder, Beatrice Ferber, of Sacred Heart Academy

Piano Solo ... "Miserere: Trovatore" by Verdi ... **Florence Weber**, of Sacred Heart Academy

Act III

Piano Solo "Grand Polka de Concert" **Florence Weber**

"I Heard a Voice in the Tranquil Night" **Hazel Houder, Beatrice Ferber**

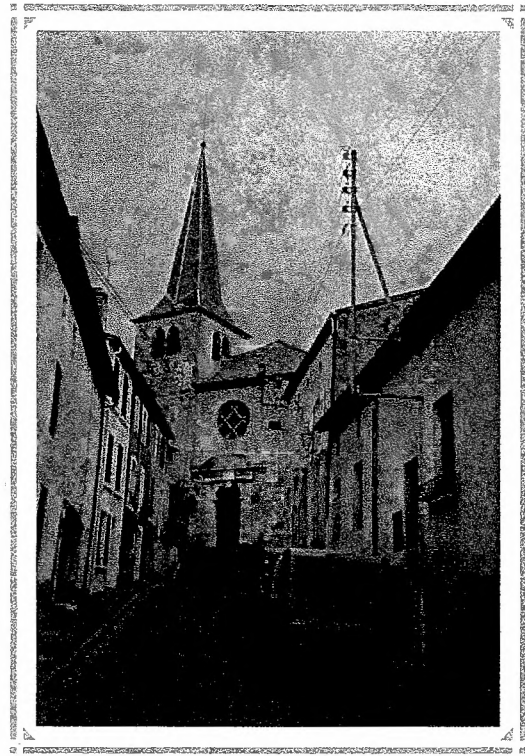
Piano Solo "The Water Spirit" **Eva Dodane**

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BESANÇON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CALENDAR FOR 2005

Saturday, March 26th
Saturday, June 4th
Saturday, July 30th
Saturday, October 1st
Saturday, November 19th

All meetings are held in the parish office of
St. Louis Catholic Church
9:30 A. M.



From the collection of Steve Weaver on his recent trip to France.

Above is the only church in the village of Foug (pronounced FOO-geh). Built in 1703, it is very likely the one the URBINE family attended. Foug is located about 5 miles east of Toul, France.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

payable, first of January

Individual - \$12.00

Family - \$17.00 Lifetime - \$200.00

send a check attn.:

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Let us know how we are doing!

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From Kay Black: Several years ago, I was reading page 124 of the 1920 census of Mountain Twp, McCurtain Co, Oklahoma and came across the following note:

"Here ends the enumeration of District 148 comprising ranges 25, 26, and all of 27 east, inside the Oklahoma boundary of Township 3 and 4 South in McCurtain Co, Oklahoma, and believe me, with its mountains and valleys, its rivers, creeks and branches, it's some district, all right. I have been water bound, and now I'm hidebound, but I have listed every galoot there is in it".

Sgd. W. A. Carter, Enumerator, District 148, McCurtain County, Oklahoma.