

Besançon Historical Society the Chronicles ...



A BIT OF IRELAND AT BESANÇON

During the summer of 1845, a "blight of unusual character" devastated Ireland's potato crop, the basic staple in the Irish diet. A few days after potatoes were dug from the ground, they began to turn into a slimy, decaying, blackish "mass of rottenness." Expert panels convened to investigate the blight's cause suggested that it was the result of "static electricity" or the smoke that billowed from railroad locomotives or the "mortiferous vapours" rising from underground volcanoes.

The **Great Famine** or the **Great Hunger** (Irish: *An Gorta Mór* or *An Drochshaol*), known more commonly outside of Ireland as the **Irish Potato Famine**, is the name given to a famine in Ireland between 1845 and 1849. The immediate after-effects of The Famine continued until 1851. The number of deaths is unrecorded, and various estimates suggest totals between 500,000 and more than one million in the five years from 1846.

Besançon is rich in French history, and as I walk the peaceful rows in the old cemetery, my mind turns to those brave people who risked so much to make a better life for themselves and their families in the new world. I am proud of the heritage I have, and am in awe of the risks they took, the dangers, the absolute dedication. Not all are French names, sprinkled here and there are German, Swiss and Irish.

The family we are featuring in this issue is the **Patrick and Nancy Ann (Dwyer) Ryan** family, who left their beautiful country of Ireland in 1849, sailed for Canada, where it is thought they lived for three years before they settled in Allen County, Indiana in 1851.

History, actual newspaper reports, and fiction give us a great deal of what these Irish immigrants endured, and the sacrifices they made. One outstanding piece of fiction is by Ann Moore - "Gracelin O'Malley", who gives an accurate historical account of the horrors of life in nineteenth century Ireland. As miserable and horrifying as the lives of these people were, the book leaves you in awe of the capacity for the Irish to survive with their humor, pride and hope in tact. ... Editor

Please turn to page 6 for three generations of the Patrick and Nancy Ryan family. Besançon is honored to have them as part of their history.



Mary, Annie and Ellen C., daughters of Thomas and Mary Broderick Ryan.

Sue Townsend Downey is the great-granddaughter of Annie

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President's Message...

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ... March, 2006

The same officers were nominated and approved to remain in the office they have held. The new director and curator of the archives is Jeff Hoffman. Julie Nolan, Diane Galligher, Gene Yoquelet and Jeff will staff the Wednesday mornings during the spring, summer, and fall months. Thanks to all for your help and support.

Julie Nolan's school project is geared for this spring. She is collecting stories on the people buried in the old cemetery at Besancon. The goal of the children at St. Louis Academy is to match the tombstone with the information that is provided. Thus keeping our ancestors alive for future generations.

The archives has acquired the Reverd family history written by Jack Revare from Kansas. His family comes from the Montbeliard area of France. Also acquired is the Monroe Twp School house book written by Deb Eidson with input from Susan Beauchot and Lois Ternet. Janet Wells Jewell has sent information and pictures of the Vinots. She had e-mailed a query on her ancestor Claude Joseph Vinot who died in 1862 and is buried in the old cemetery at Besancon. Most of the Vinots moved to Colorado.

On a sorrowful note, Joyce Lomont-Crowl lost her husband Mitch to cancer. A donation was given to the Fremont, Indiana Library in Mitch's name. Charlotte Giant passed away. A donation was given to the St. Louis building fund in Charlotte's name. Gene Yoquelet had a heart attack and quadruple bypass surgery. Gene is getting better daily. Drop a line to the members and family to let them know we care.

www.castlegarden.org offers free access to a database of 20 million immigrants from 1830-1892. 1892 is the year Ellis Island opened. Castle Garden, today, is known as Castle Clinton National Monument, and is the major landmark within The Battery which is a 23 acre waterfront park at the tip of Manhattan. From 1855 to 1890, the Castle was America's first official immigration center, a pioneering collaboration of New York State and New York City.

Meeting dates scheduled for 2006 are : February 25, May 6, July 22, and October 21. At the May 6th meeting George Jeanney will be attending. Georges is from Besancon, France and will be in the states researching for his book on the black swamp. We would like to have many members present with possibly a luncheon afterwards at St. Louis Hall.

... *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 ...



Welcome: Carol Ann Arend, 3833 Woodcliffe Drive, New Haven, IN. 46774.

Thank You: Michele and Mike Castleman, Patricia Kramer, MaryJane Novosel and to Diana Galligher for your generous donation. Your names have been placed on the "Donor's Plaque".

New Additions to the library: MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS, Preserving the history—1843—2005., by Deborah Eidson, Susan Beauchot, and Lois Ternet. This fascinating book takes us back to the beginning of the first school in Monroe Township with pictures and brings us to the present day. This is a great tool for researching for anybody looking for a family member. The history of one-room schools, with teachers listed, curriculum sited, pictures of many classes and news bits from the old Monroeville Breeze newspapers, the year book Echo (first published in 1911, with a class picture) interviews, and yearbooks is a delight. I found pictures of a 1st cousin twice removed , J. J. Peters, that I had searched for many years.

Three books have been added to the archives library they are: The Lothamer History/Genealogy. Three volumes by Father James Lothamer . "Dawkins Family", written and compiled by Mariam (Petro) Randolph with added information by Matthew Mapes, courtesy of Rosemary Dager. The William Dawkins family can be tracked back to East Kent County, England in 1819, he and his family settled both in Adams and Jefferson Township in 1841. "The Gremaux Family", researched and compiled by E. E. Yoquelet. The origins of the Gremaux family can be traced back to Courchaton, France and in the church records of Saint Madeleine. The Besançon archives are fortunate to have original Gremaux documents donated by the family.

Our deepest sympathies to the families of **Charlotte Smith Giant** who died on February 12, 2006. A dedicated, loving woman, she and her husband **Carlton Giant** are remember as people who were dedicated to preserving the history of Besançon. Carlton Giant died in 2003 and was a founding member of Besançon Historical Society.

Thank you, to each and every one of you, dear friends for the cards, letters and prayers to me and my family on the death of my husband, **Mitch Crowl**, January 19, 2006.

Jefferson Twp No 3



Deb Edison reports: The old school is currently undergoing exterior brick restoration and they ran out of bricks to finish the job, so **Gale Stephenson** donated bricks from the #1 Stephenson one-room school that stood on the northwest corner of Morgan Road and Hoffman and was built in 1896. The original log cabin structure stood at Sugar Ridge Roads (US 30) and Morgan Road, and was the first school in District No 1 prior to 1855. No 1 was torn down in the 1970's.

Correction: Father Jim Lothamer notes in the article by Pat Comiskey in the Fall, 2005 issue of the Chronicle a correction on page seven, "Charles' sister, Mary Magdalena married Theobald Lothamer, son of Johan and Catherine Mosser Lothamer in 1866. They had nine children." There were two Theobalds. It should read: "Theobald "Baldy" Lothamer, the son of Theobald and Mary Magdalena Gambler Lothamer, etc". 'Baldy's grandparents were Theobald and Catherine Mosser Lothamer. Easy to do with so many Theobald's and Mary Magdalena's!!

Yester Year... copied and submitted by Jane Morow



Ft. Wayne Weekly Sentinel ... 10/15/1896 ... About noon Thursday a Main street car collided with the wagon of a farmer named **Edward Girardot**, of Maples. The accident happened at the intersection of Barr street. The horses, badly frightened, broke away and rand down the nickel Plate tracks a quarter of a mile away before they were stopped. Their legs were badly lacerated. Mr. Girardot was badly shaken up and quite severely injured. The wagon was wrecked.

08/20/1879 ... **Items from the Four Corners** (Correspondence of the Sentinel) ... The Four Corners is a small place situated in Jefferson township, Allen County. It has a dry goods and grocery store, a saw mill and a physician, with a wagon and carriage shop and a saloon in prospect. We have a blacksmith shop, and a good surrounding country, settled mostly by French people, who are good farmers and good people generally. This is a very healthy part of the county, dry and rolling, and very productive. The corn crop looks well here. The Marsh is to have a large ditch cut through the center of it this fall. **Walter Corleman** has the whooping cough — that is very singular for a man eighteen years of age. **Mr. Gladieux** has commenced turning over the soil preparatory to sowing a great amount of fall grain. St. Luke's Church is making arrangements to get a pastor. The hum of the threshing machine is heard in this vicinity, and it is turning out the grain by the hundred bushels. **Mr. Frank Gladieux** has erected a very fine dwelling. **Gust Merilett** appears to be in a great amount of trouble about getting his grain threshed, so much so that he says he will have a machine of his own next year. The people say that there will be a fire in the Marsh this fall, providing it keeps dry. There is not much sickness in this part of the county. (DONKEY)

WETS AND DRY'S TO VOTE

In Jackson & Madison Townships Soon
Ft Wayne Sentinel, May 5, 1913

In the commissioners' court today May 27 was selected as the date for holding an option election in Jackson township and May 29 for one in Madison township. Petitions asking the board to fix dates and appoint officers were filed last week.

Both townships have saloons now and a big fight is anticipated as the forces are being lined up for the battle. In Jackson township the officers for the anti-saloon people are **Julian Pepe**, election commissioner, **Joseph Baldwin**, judge, **R. V. Holsaple**, clerk. For the wets: **William J. Pio** is commissioner, **August Chevillot**, judge, **Louis Vanderly**, clerk, and Trustee **Louis Roy** is inspector.

For the dries in Madison township **William A. Youse** was selected as commissioner; **Samuel Houk**, judge and **David Emenhiser**, clerk. **Edward Boyle** is commissioner for the liquor forces; **Jacob Neff**, judge; **William F. Grotrain**, clerk, and **Macy Shafer**, trustee, is inspector.

HALLOWEEN PRANKS

Ft. Wayne Gazette, Nov 22, 1895

Frank Pranger, Barney Pranger, Lewis Rose, and Nicholas Kline, all of Jefferson township, were arraigned in **Justice Ternet's** court yesterday, charged with maliciously trespassing on the property of **Louis Urbine**. The offenses were in the nature of hallowe'en sport overdone and serious depredations were committed. **Nicholas Ladig** swore to the affidavits. A fine of \$1 and costs was assessed and all the cases were appealed except Kline's and he will probably pay.

BIRTH RETURNS

Ft Wayne Weekly Sentinel
April 26, 1905

The following birth returns have been made to County Health officer **E. M. Van Buskirk** by **Dr. Myers** of Maples:

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oberley, of Jefferson twp—a son.

Mr. and Mrs. David Fry, of Jefferson twp.—a son

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Girardot, of Jefferson twp—a son.

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Ft Wayne Journal Gazette, 01/17/1914 ... **JEFFERSON**, Ind., Misses **Inez and Blanche Urbine**, Messrs. **Earl Westrick and Dale Urbine** called on Miss **Velma and Fred Klinkle** Sunday. ... **Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Giant** spent Sunday afternoon with **Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gladieux**. ... Miss **Mildred Holmes** called on her brother, **Fred Holmes**, of Maples, Wednesday. ... **Mr. Clarence Reynolds** purchases a fine sorrel horse at **Mr. Giant's** sale Wednesday. Miss **Mabel Marquette** is visiting with **Mrs. Lafayette Bacon**, her sister. ... **Mr. Charles Bacon** visited with his sister, of Fort Wayne, **Mrs. Rose Fry**. ... **Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Giant** have bought New Haven property, where they will move in a few weeks, where Miss **Giant** will work in Ft. Wayne. ... **Mr. Charles Westrick** sold his farm and bought the **Gerardot** farm. ... 09/02/1916 ... **Mrs. N. Giant and Mrs. Cramer** were the guests of **Mrs. Dodane** at **Besançon** Thursday. ... **Mr. and Mrs. Royal Bandelier**, of Indianapolis, are visiting with **Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bandelier** of East of town. Ft Wayne Journal Gazette. 11/02/1915 ... **Louis Gladieux**, of just west of **Besançon**, and agent for the **Louden Manure spreader**, gave a demonstration on the farm of **Maurice Gerardot**, of just east of Maples, Thurs. afternoon. The new demonstrator used performed the work so perfectly that those present were soon convinced that the above name spreader was superior to other spreaders. Those who witnessed the demonstration were **Melvin and Jacob Fry**, of New Haven, **Oliver, Howard and Elsworth Snider**, **Louis Miller**, **Samuel Bacon**, **Sherman Gerardot**, **Henry Bolyard**, **Charles Fredericks**, **Louis Beauchot** and **John Trautman**.

MARRIAGE LICENSES issued 12/27/1895 ... **Frank X. Roussey and Rosa Gladieux**. 10/17/1917: **Clement L Gladieux**, machinist, and **Veronica Pepe**. 06/13/1911 ... **August Pepe**, 72, farmer, and **Mary Jeinne**, 66. **George J. Voirol**, 26, superintendent Hosiery Company, and **Mamie Ehinger**, 25. 09/04/1912 ... **Leo J. Havert**, 23, camera finisher, and **Loretta E. Laibe**, 20.

SHERIFF' FATHER CLAIMED BY DEATH **Francis Gladieux Expires at His home at Age of** **Seventy-Nine Years.**

Nov 18, 1916 **Francis Gladieux**, father of **Sheriff Amiel Gladieux**, died Tuesday evening, at his home in **Jefferson township** at the age of 79 years. Death followed an illness of several months due to complications of diseases. He had been ailing for the past eight years, but had been bedfast only six weeks.

The deceased was born in **Alsace, France**, October 8, 1837, and came to America with his parents when he was 7 years of age. The family settled in **Starke county, Ohio**, but in 1853, he moved to **Allen county**. He settled on a farm in **Jefferson township** where he resided the remainder of his life. In 1860 he was united in marriage to **Mary Lomont**, to which union nine children were born. Three have preceded the father in death. **Mr. and Mrs. Gladieux** celebrated their golden wedding anniversary six years ago.

For three years **Mr. Gladieux** served as county commissioner, and at one time was a member of the state legislature, trustee of **Jefferson township** for twelve years and assessor for four years. Politically he was a democrat. He was also a very active and successful farmer. He owned one of the largest farms in that township and was also an advocate of good roads.

Besides the wife he is survived by six children—**Louis, Frank, Amiel and Edward Gladieux** and **Mrs. Emmett Ternet and Mrs. Louis Roussel**; thirty grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, and a sister, **Mrs. Joseph Townsend**. **Mr. Gladieux** was a member of the **St. Louis Catholic church** at **Besançon**.

Funeral services Saturday morning at 8:15 o'clock at the residence at 8:45 at **St. Louis Catholic church**. Interment at the church cemetery.

PEPE

February 23, 1910 ... **Mrs. August Pepe**, for many years a resident of **Jefferson township**, died at her home there Thursday evening after an extended illness at the age of 65 years. Death was due to anemia.

Surviving relatives include the husband, and five children—**Julian, Amile, Elizabeth and Clara Pepe**, and **Mrs. Hattie Huguenard**. There are eighteen grandchildren. **Mrs. Pepe** was a member of **St. Louis Catholic church** and the **Christian Mother's sodality**.

Funeral services Monday morning at 10 o'clock from the **St. Louis Catholic church** at **Besançon**.

Descendants of Patrick Ryan
1802 - 1884

Researched and complied by Susan Townsend Downey

Generation No. 1

1. **PATRICK¹ RYAN** was born 1802 in Tipperary, Ireland, and died September 08, 1884 in Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana. He married **NANCY ANN DWYER** January 10, 1833 in Foilnaman, County Tipperary, Ireland. She was born May 13, 1814 in County Tipperary, Ireland, and died November 16, 1897 in Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana.

Children of **PATRICK RYAN** and **NANCY DWYER** are:

2. i. **PATRICKJR.² RYAN**, b. March 31, 1835, Tipperary, Ireland; d. September 21, 1920, Arcola, Allen County, Indiana.
3. ii. **THOMAS JAMES RYAN**, b. March 20, 1839, Tipperary, Ireland; d. January 27, 1880, Milan Township, Allen County, Indiana.
4. iii. **JAMES RYAN**, b. 1840, Tipperary Parish, of Upper Church, Ireland; d. February 15, 1873, Allen county Indiana.
5. iv. **MARGARET RYAN**, b. June 14, 1843, Tipperary Parish, of Upper Church, Ireland; d. June 19, 1916, Payne, Paulding County, Ohio.
6. v. **JOHN RYAN**, b. April 14, 1854, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. December 21, 1943, Allen county Indiana.

Generation No. 2

2. **PATRICKJR.² RYAN** (**PATRICK¹**) was born March 31, 1835 in Tipperary, Ireland, and died September 21, 1920 in Arcola, Allen County, Indiana. He married **MARY JANE POWERS**. She was born September 09, 1833 in New York, and died June 27, 1909 in I O O F Cemetery, New Haven, Indiana.

Children of **PATRICKJR. RYAN** and **MARY POWERS** are:

- i. **ALBERT J.³ RYAN**, b. February 15, 1860, Indiana; d. March 24, 1878, Indiana.
 - ii. **ELMER E. RYAN**, b. June 1861, Indiana; m. **ANNIE MCCLISH**, May 27, 1891, Allen county Indiana.
 - iii. **LILLIE A. RYAN**, b. February 25, 1864, Indiana; d. April 28, 1865, Indiana.
 - iv. **FREEMAN W. RYAN**, b. June 29, 1865, Indiana; d. July 1869, Indiana.
 - v. **FRANKLIN A. RYAN**, b. October 17, 1866, Indiana; d. June 15, 1869, Indiana.
 7. vi. **HARVEY H. RYAN**, b. 1869, Indiana.
 - vii. **DELIA J. RYAN**, b. September 1870; m. **JAMES G. CHAMBERLAIN**, January 17, 1905, Allen County, Indiana.
 - viii. **HARRY E. RYAN**, b. July 26, 1872, Indiana; d. November 10, 1945.
 - ix. **EMMA C. RYAN**, b. October 08, 1874, Indiana; d. August 01, 1878, Indiana.
3. **THOMAS JAMES² RYAN** (**PATRICK¹**) was born March 20, 1839 in Tipperary, Ireland, and died January 27, 1880 in Milan Township, Allen County, Indiana. He married **MARY CHRISTINA BRODERICK** January 20, 1862 in Allen County, Indiana. She was born January 09, 1842 in Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana, and died December 18, 1900 in Milan Township, Allen County, Indiana.

Children of **THOMAS RYAN** and **MARY BRODERICK** are:

- i. **PATRICK THOMAS³ RYAN**, b. December 21, 1865, Allen County, Indiana; d. January 20, 1951, New Haven, Indiana; m. **LUCINDA M. ROTHGEB**, September 28, 1897, St Louis Catholic Church, Besancon by Rev. Fr. F. X. Labonte; b. August 14, 1869, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; d. May 27, 1957, Allen County, Indiana.
8. ii. **JOHN RYAN**, b. September 1869, Allen County, Indiana; d. 1921.
9. iii. **JOSEPH RYAN**, b. September 30, 1871, Allen County, Indiana; d. May 28, 1936, Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana.
10. iv. **ANNA A. RYAN**, b. November 11, 1873, Milan Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. October 10, 1924, Allen county Indiana.
11. v. **MARY RYAN**, b. December 23, 1875; d. August 03, 1959.
12. vi. **ELLEN CECILIA RYAN**, b. April 1879, Allen County, Indiana; d. December 05, 1935, Madison Township, Allen County, Indiana.

4. **JAMES² RYAN** (*PATRICK¹*) was born 1840 in Tipperary Parish, of Upper Church, Ireland, and died February 15, 1873 in Allen county Indiana. He married **CATHERINE CHAL**. She was born Abt. 1848 in Ohio, and died April 25, 1873 in Allen county Indiana.

Children of **JAMES RYAN** and **CATHERINE CHAL** are:

- i. **ANNA MAGDALENA³ RYAN**, b. January 02, 1870, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. February 24, 1873, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana.
- ii. **MARY AGNES RYAN**, b. July 19, 1871, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. May 03, 1874, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana.

5. **MARGARET² RYAN** (*PATRICK¹*) was born June 14, 1843 in Tipperary Parish, of Upper Church, Ireland, and died June 19, 1916 in Payne, Paulding County, Ohio. She married **JAMES FINAN** March 22, 1862 in Allen County, Indiana. He was born 1839 in Oursalagh, County Sligo, Ireland, and died March 10, 1873 in Allen county Indiana.

Children of **MARGARET RYAN** and **JAMES FINAN** are:

- i. **JOHN³ FINAN**, b. December 09, 1862, Benton Twp., Paulding, Ohio; m. **HELEN ENCKE**, 1907.
- ii. **CLARA B. FINAN**, b. September 1866, Benton Twp., Paulding, Ohio; m. **WILLIAM P. LAMB**, November 22, 1898, Paulding County, Ohio.
- iii. **THOMAS FINAN**, b. 1868, Benton Twp., Paulding, Ohio.
- iv. **JAMES ROGER FINAN**, b. May 18, 1870, Benton Twp., Paulding, Ohio; m. **ROSE UNKNOWN**.
- v. **EUGENE EDWARD FINAN**, b. April 23, 1872, Benton Twp., Paulding, Ohio.
- vi. **MARY ELEN FINAN**, b. June 26, 1873, Benton Twp., Paulding, Ohio.

6. **JOHN² RYAN** (*PATRICK¹*) was born April 14, 1854 in Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana, and died December 21, 1943 in Allen county Indiana. He married **JULIA MARY CAROLINE DODANE** April 09, 1893 in Allen County, Indiana, daughter of **FRANCIS DODANE** and **MARY MONNOT**. She was born August 04, 1854 in Jackson Township, Allen County, Indiana, and died March 07, 1934.

Children of **JOHN RYAN** and **JULIA DODANE** are:

- i. **EDITH MARY³ RYAN**, b. September 02, 1894, Allen county Indiana; d. September 09, 1982.
- ii. **JULIA ANN RYAN**, b. October 28, 1895, Allen county Indiana; d. May 30, 1949, New Haven, Allen county, Indiana; m. **FRANCIS B. ROY**, February 21, 1922, Allen County, Indiana.
- iii. **LAWRENCE JOHN RYAN**, b. May 08, 1899, Allen county Indiana; d. December 14, 1957, Toledo Ohio; m. **CATHERINE PEOPPLE**.
- iv. **AGNES LUCILLE RYAN**, b. October 22, 1904.
- v. **LEONARD ARTHUR RYAN**, b. November 20, 1906.

Generation No. 3

7. **HARVEY H.³ RYAN** (*PATRICKJR.², PATRICK¹*) was born 1869 in Indiana. He married **MARY T. JACOBS** November 30, 1902 in Allen County, Indiana.

Children of **HARVEY RYAN** and **MARY JACOBS** are:

- i. **MARION E.⁴ RYAN**.
- ii. **MARY L. RYAN**.
- iii. **LAURA J. RYAN**.
- iv. **HELEN L. RYAN**.

8. **JOHN³ RYAN** (*THOMAS JAMES², PATRICK¹*) was born September 1869 in Allen County, Indiana, and died 1921. He married **ROSEANNE GIRARDOT** October 02, 1901 in Allen County, Indiana, daughter of **JOSEPH GERARDOT** and **MARIE RAUSIS**. She was born December 25, 1879 in Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana, and died December 18, 1963 in Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana.

Child of **JOHN RYAN** and **ROSEANNE GIRARDOT** is:

- i. **CLARA ISABELLA⁴ RYAN**, b. August 13, 1902, Allen County, Indiana; d. April 21, 1978, Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana; m. **EDWARD SNYDER**, October 28, 1930, Allen County, Indiana.

9. **JOSEPH³ RYAN** (*THOMAS JAMES², PATRICK¹*) was born September 30, 1871 in Allen County, Indiana, and died May 28, 1936 in Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana. He married **VIRGINIA CLARA GIRARDOT** May 25, 1899 in Allen County, Indiana, daughter of **JOSEPH GERARDOT** and **MARIE RAUSIS**. She was born July 25, 1875 in Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana, and died August 04, 1940 in Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana.

Children of **JOSEPH RYAN** and **VIRGINIA GIRARDOT** are:

- i. **NORBERT JOSEPH⁴ RYAN**, b. May 27, 1900; d. October 14, 1918, Chicago, Illinois.
- ii. **SYLVESTER CHARLES RYAN**, b. March 15, 1902, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; d. February 03, 1977, Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana; m. **GERTRUDE BRAKE**, June 21, 1923, Fort Wayne, Indiana; b. Abt. 1900.
- iii. **WALTER JAMES RYAN**, b. November 20, 1903, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; d. March 14, 1972, Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana; m. **REGINA M. WILHELM**, August 19, 1924, Allen County, Indiana.
- iv. **BYRON PATRICK RYAN**, b. July 01, 1906, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; d. July 15, 1981, Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana; m. **STELLA ELIZABETH BECRAFT**, October 27, 1934, Allen County, Indiana.
- v. **THOMAS JOSEPH RYAN**, b. April 01, 1910, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; d. April 19, 1982, Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana; m. **GLENDORA BROKAMP**, April 03, 1937, Allen County, Indiana.
- vi. **MARY MARJORIE RYAN**, b. March 18, 1913, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; m. **WALTER E. WAGNER**, July 25, 1931, Allen County, Indiana.
- vii. **DELORES IDA RYAN**, b. June 14, 1919, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; m. **ORVILLE C. ZINK**, January 14, 1941, Allen County, Indiana.
- viii. **ELSIE EVELYN RYAN**, b. January 11, 1921, Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana; m. **EDGAR JOSEPH ALTER**, June 12, 1948, Allen County, Indiana.

10. **ANNA A.³ RYAN** (*THOMAS JAMES², PATRICK¹*) was born November 11, 1873 in Milan Township, Allen County, Indiana, and died October 10, 1924 in Allen county Indiana. She married **WILLIAM N. TOWNSEND** April 28, 1892 in Allen County, Indiana, son of **GEORGE TOWNSEND** and **JOSEPHINE GLADIEUX**. He was born November 27, 1863 in Allen County, Indiana, and died September 15, 1930 in Allen county Indiana.

Child of **ANNA RYAN** and **WILLIAM TOWNSEND** is:

- i. **CLARENCE WILLIAM⁴ TOWNSEND**, b. January 23, 1894, Paulding Road Farm, Jackson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. May 06, 1966, Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana; m. **ETTA GERTRUDE FALLS**, January 28, 1913, Besancon, Indiana.

11. **MARY³ RYAN** (*THOMAS JAMES², PATRICK¹*) was born December 23, 1875, and died August 03, 1959. She married **BALSER ORT** November 21, 1900 in Besancon, Indiana. He was born July 10, 1878 in Five Points, Indiana, and died December 20, 1949 in Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana.

Children of **MARY RYAN** and **BALSER ORT** are:

- i. **EMMIT CYRIL⁴ ORT**, b. November 29, 1901, Hartford City, Blackford county, Indiana; d. July 16, 1969, Fort Wayne, Indiana; m. **CECILIA M. WILHELM**, August 19, 1924, Allen County, Indiana.
- ii. **EDGAR P. ORT**, b. September 24, 1903, Gar Creek, Milan Township, Allen county, Indiana; d. November 26, 1980, Fort Wayne, Indiana; m. **MARGARET BLAKE**, April 23, 1924, Allen County, Indiana.
- iii. **WILFRED T. ORT**, b. May 29, 1905, Monroeville, Indiana; m. **KAT P. A. LATZ**, May 24, 1924, Allen County, Indiana.
- iv. **HOWARD B. ORT**, b. September 30, 1907, Allen county Indiana; d. April 13, 1961; m. **MATILDA KOBLE**, December 05, 1925, Allen County, Indiana.
- v. **JOSEPH P. WILLIAM ORT**, b. December 24, 1909, Allen county Indiana; d. March 21, 1962, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- vi. **WILLIAM W. ORT**, b. Allen county Indiana.
- vii. **THERESA M. ORT**, b. August 09, 1911, Allen county Indiana; d. May 24, 1954; m. **LUTHER ANGEL**, May 16, 1928, Allen County, Indiana.
- viii. **EVELYN CECILIA ORT**, b. August 08, 1916; m. **HAROLD W. RHINE**, February 03, 1940, Allen County, Indiana.

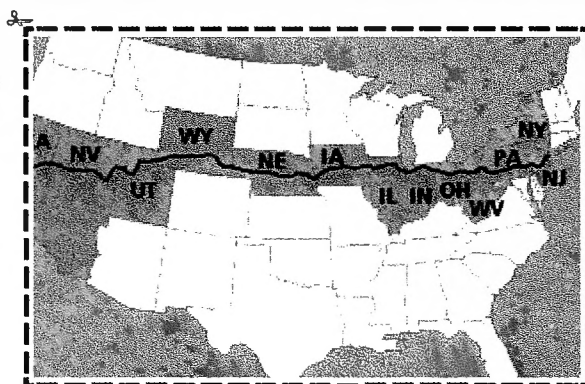
12. **ELLEN CECELIA³ RYAN** (*THOMAS JAMES², PATRICK¹*) was born April 1879 in Allen County, Indiana, and died December 05, 1935 in Madison Township, Allen County, Indiana. She married **MAURICE NICOLAS GERARDOT** April 23, 1903 in Allen County, Indiana, son of **JOSEPH GERARDOT** and **MARIE RAUSIS**. He was born July 11, 1877 in Jefferson Twp, Allen Co. Indiana, and died May 13, 1961 in Fort Wayne, Allen Co., Indiana.

Children of **ELLEN RYAN** and **MAURICE GERARDOT** are:

- i. **LEONARD JOSEPH⁴ GERARDOT**, b. January 17, 1904, Allen County, Indiana; d. May 13, 1971.
- ii. **AMBROSE MORRIS GERARDOT**, b. January 29, 1906, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. August 07, 1910, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana.
- iii. **LILLIAN MARY GIRARDOT**, b. December 29, 1907; d. March 01, 1990, St Louis Catholic Cemetery, Besancon; m. **AMUEL BARCLAY**; b. August 15, 1906; d. August 19, 1968.
- iv. **MAURICE AMBROSE GIRARDOT**, b. July 13, 1911, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana; d. July 25, 1913, Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana.
- v. **ANDREW THOMAS GERARDOT**, b. March 26, 1913.
- vi. **NOLAN P. GERARDOT**, b. May 25, 1915, Jefferson Township, Allen county, Indiana; d. April 03, 2005, Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana; m. **ROSE MARIE PIQUET**; b. April 12, 1925; d. January 01, 1990.
- vii. **MERLIN JAMES GERARDOT**, b. January 20, 1919, Maples, Indiana; d. July 26, 2005, Fort Wayne, Indiana; m. **RITA M. MOUREY**, September 24, 1940; d. May 1992.

Please contact Susan Downy if you have information you would like to share about this family at 7526 Wynnewood Lane, Fort Wayne, IN 46835, or suedowney@comcast.net.

Please, if you have any corrections, contact me, Joyce Lomont-Crowl, so I can put them in the next issue.



INDIANA JOINS THE CONTINUOUS YARD SALE IN AUGUST, 2006

A member of BHS is Jan Shupert-Arick, Director of the Indiana Chapter of the Lincoln Highway Association. Jan writes this year Indiana will be part of the BIG YARD SALE that will promote the highway and at the same time with Indiana's portion of the historic road hooking up with Ohio for a exciting three days. This will be the second year for Ohio. Many states have joined in this event, and is well publicized. The three day event will be the second weekend in August (August 10, 11 and 12, 2006). Watch for details in your local newspapers.

The Lincoln Highway followed several early trails in Allen County. From the Ohio line, it traveled the Sugar Ridge Road,, located on the southern edge of the Great Black Swamp, which was platted and improved as early as 1837. Towns and names of businesses along this route are as familiar to us, as our own. Townley, Zulu, Zulu Garage, Ed Oberly Gas Station, Townsend's Gas Station, Tenet's Tavern, **St. Louis Besançon His-**

What it took to get an 8th grade education in 1895 ...

Remember when grandparents and great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education? Well, check this out. Could any of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895? Below is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina, Kansas, USA. It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina, KS, and reprinted by the Salina Journal .

8th Grade Final Exam: Salina, KS -1895

Grammar (Time, one hour)

1. Give nine rules for the use of capital letters.
2. Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications.
3. Define verse, stanza and paragraph
4. What are the principal parts of a verb? Give principal parts of lie, play, and run.
5. Define case; Illustrate each case.
6. What is punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of punctuation.
- 7 - 10. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

Arithmetic (Time, 1.25 hours)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. deep, 10 feet long, and 3 ft. wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weighs 3942 lbs., what is it worth at 50cts/bushel, deducting 1050 lbs. for tare?
4. District No. 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
5. Find the cost of 6720 lbs. coal at \$6.00 per ton.
6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.
7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft. long at \$20 per meter?
8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.
9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance of which is 640 rods?
10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt.

U.S. History (Time, 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided.
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus.
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States.
5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas.
6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.
7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Penn, and Howe?
8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, 1865.

Orthography (Time, one hour) *Do we even know what this is??*

1. What is meant by the following: Alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: Trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u.' (HUH?)
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e.' Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.

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Sentinel ... February 22, 1906

ENTERTAINMENT AT BESANÇON

Catholics There Invite Fort Wayne Friends to Attend Monday Night

The Catholics of Besançon invite their Fort Wayne friends to attend the entertainment which will be given in their school on next Monday evening, the 26th. The interurban cars stop at the theater hall and a special rate of 30 cents for the round trip has been made in favor of the Fort Wayne people.

A city orchestra will furnish music for the entertainment and some of Fort Wayne's star performers will have a part in the program. The 7:15 p.m. car east on the interurban will reach Besançon in time for the performance.

Fort Wayne News ... January 1, 1916

STOLEN AUTO

Is Found along G. R. & I. Tracks Today.

The automobile belonging to **August J. Chevillot**, 2816 New Haven avenue, which was stolen from Court street at 7 o'clock Friday night, was found today along the G. R. & I. tracks north of Main street.

French Surnames Meanings & Origins

In France there are around 900,000 surnames - a greater patronymic diversity than in most other countries. The most numerous (268,000 of them) is the Martin dynasty, followed by Bernard, Petit, Thomas, Durandra and. Dupont is in 30th position with 66,000.

Coming from the medieval French word "surmon" translating as "above-or-over name", surnames or descriptive names trace their use back to 11th century France, when it first became necessary to add a second name to distinguish between individuals with the same given name. The custom of using surnames did not become common for several centuries.

Origins of French last names developed from several sources: one of these, is occupational surnames. These are based on the person's job or trade (Pierre Boulanger (baker) - Pierre the baker). Another is descriptive surnames. These often come from nicknames such as Jacques Legrand or "Jacques the big". Geographical surnames is another way to determine a name, most often a place of residence. Yvonne Marseille—or Yvonne from the village of Marseille.

Beginning in 1474, anyone who wished to change his name was required to get permission from the King. See: *Dictionnaire des changements de noms de 1803 à 1956* Paris: Librairie Française, 1974.

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8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.
9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

Geography (Time, one hour)

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
4. Describe the mountains of North America
5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco.
6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S.
7. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each.
8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?
9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.
10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give the inclination of the earth.

(Editor's note: Did you notice that the exam took FIVE HOURS to complete. Gives the saying "he only had an 8th grade education" a whole new meaning, doesn't it?)



BESANÇON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CALENDAR FOR 2006

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

February 25, 2006

May 06, 2006

July 22, 2006

October 21, 2006

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payable, first of January

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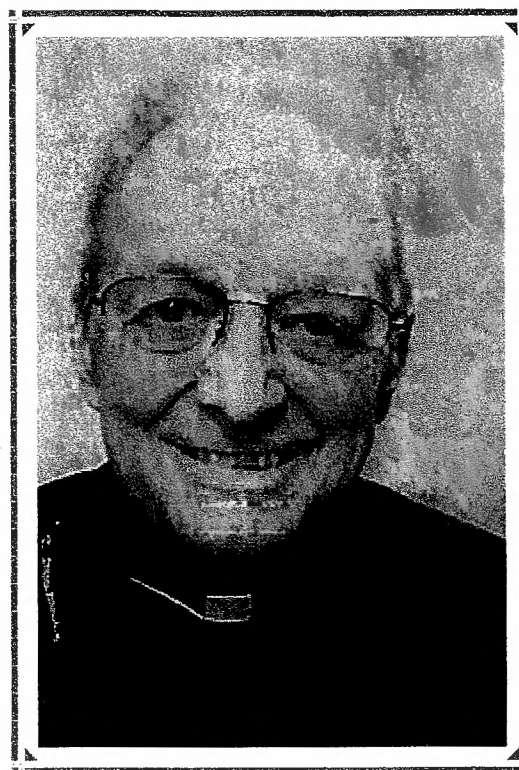
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FATHER 'BILL' MARTIN

Celebrating 50 years as a priest, on Sunday, May 28, 2006 at Queen of All Saints in Michigan City, and also on June 4th, 2006 at St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne.

Among Father Bill's classmates from St. Meinrad was Fr. Don Isenbarger, who died last year.

Father Bill's great-great grandfather was **Nicholas Martin** who married **Francis C. Bouvier** and lived near Besançon, Indiana. Father Bill is a distant relative to **Father Charles Banet**.

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

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RootsWeb Review: RootsWeb's Weekly E-zine
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A long time ago I was telling my 10-year-old son about genealogy and showing him some of the obituaries of folks from our family. One entry said John King died of consumption.

My son gasped and said, "You mean somebody ate him?"