

## *Besançon Historical Society—the Chronicles . . .*

In 2006 Allen County Fort Wayne Historical Society and Allen County Genealogical Society of Indiana published a wonderful two volume history of Allen county. I am not sure if any more of these fascinating books are still available but if they are I promise you will get your money's worth. Not only is 'our' Besançon—St. Louis Catholic Church featured but many of the settlers of Jefferson Township. One of the chapters by **John Beatty** is devoted entirely to French & French Canadians in Allen County. Another chapter by **Ralph Violette** on Jackson and Jefferson Township is extremely interesting. Thanks to **Barbara Gorney** who has done an in depth study of emigrant surnames and home villages we are able to present to you a listing of French emigrants associated with Besançon.

We know the people of French origin were one of earliest European groups to settle in the present day Allen County. From the early French explorers and fur traders to the present day leaders of the communities the French names have been prominent. It is thought the explorer Samuel Champlain, founder of Quebec, may have visited the area as early as 1614. Robert Cavalier Sieur de La Salle is also believed to have traveled the region in 1679. There is no doubt the Maumee-Wabash— St. Mary's and St. Joseph rivers were some of the most important routes from the Great Lakes westward. An important French post was built on the St. Mary's River in 1712 and named Post Miami. This was commanded by Jean Baptiste Bissot, and was a major shipping point for beaver skins to Detroit and then onto Montreal, where they were then shipped to Europe.

Turbulent years followed, difficult and instability was the day by day life struggle of the traders, Indians and settlers. War followed war; with the Indians, and with the British. In about 1748 or so Father Joseph Pierre de Bonecamps, a professor from the Jesuit College at Quebec visited the area and documented the life of the French; listing about twenty-two people, with fever and living in miserable huts. "Efforts of the French leaders to bring settlers to the region did not materialize. The commandant, Pierre Joseph de Celeron, in Detroit promised possible farmers .... A gun, hoe, axe, plowshare, scythe, sickle, two augurs, a sow, six hens, a cock, six pounds of powder, and twelve pounds of lead if they agreed to farm the area ... only twelve families agreed, and unfortunately they are not named".

*"in Allen county,  
immigrants from French  
Comté dominated the  
area more than any  
other group in 1832"*

A descendant of French nobility, Joseph Drouet de Richardville, married a daughter of the Miami chief, and their son, Jean Baptiste de Richardville, became an important civil chief of the Miami tribe and Beatty gives a explanation of how important this became as this was a representative of a group of mixed blood traders and settlers descended from French or Quebec-born fathers and Indian mothers.

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## *President's Message...*

February, 2008

Have you come to a stand still in your quest for your ancestors? Are you interested in obtaining more information on how to proceed? There are conferences coming up that will stimulate you with new ideas. One of the largest is OGS.

The OGS (Ohio Genealogical Society) conference "Navigating the Past" will be held in Cincinnati at the Sheraton. The dates are April 17—19. On Thursday there are two pre-conference activities: Advanced Genealogy and Research Tools. On Friday, there is an open session to start off the conference. This will feature Patricia Moseley VAnSkaik as the main speaker. She will present a look at Cincinnati in 1848. The rest of the day consists of four more talks which you choose from six topics. This year it is basic genealogy: German, Ethnic, Ohio, Technology and military. On Saturday there are four sessions of which you choose again from the six that are listed. A total of 50 programs for all skill levels!

The Indiana Genealogy Society will have their conference on April 5th at Evansville, Indiana. The theme this year is "Something for Beginners and Advanced Researchers: and the guest speaker is J. Mark Lowe.

Having done research on many of our family lines, Terri and I are now trying to find all those "dead ends". Attending seminars or monthly genealogy society meetings will open new doors for exploration. Talking to others about their finding may lead to another way to research ancestors.

Thanks to all who renewed their membership. We would love to hear from you. Just Email to say Hi or to talk about your family.... **Barbara**

The archives are now closed on  
Wednesday mornings  
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### 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

*"Prejudices are what fools use for reason"*

*"Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers"*

*Voltaire: French Philosopher and Writer ...  
1694—1778*

*One of the greatest of all French authors*

## Friends of Besançon ...



Change of address: **Rev. Thomas Lombardi**, St. Joseph Hessen Cassel, 11337 Old US 27 South, Ft Wayne, IN. 46816-3414.

Welcome: **Linda Simpson**, 92-831 Makakilo Drive, Apt 68, Kapolei, HI. 96707-4300. Her grandparents were **Elmer Earl Richard and Alice Otille (Ternet) Richard**. Alice was the daughter of **Jean Baptiste and Marie Claire (Maire) Ternet**. Jean was the son of **Claude François Ternet and Justine Augustine Rondot**. Linda sent a family history with some pictures we hope to print here in the next issue.

Many Thanks: To **Judy Schroff** for your generous donations!

## Bits 'n Pieces ...

*Editor's note: It is never our intention to cause anyone ... living or dead ... embarrassment of any kind. We try at all times to be careful what we print here. All the articles were printed in the Ft. Wayne area papers and a great many of them are very explicit ... as you will see in the article below. We have left the names out, as always.*

### PETITION FOR DIVORCE

*Ft. Wayne Weekly Sentinel ... August 27, 1875 Mrs. X., of Jefferson Township, has petitioned in the superior court for a divorce from her husband, Mr. X. She states that she first stood in with X on the 4th of September, 1862, but that on the 14th of last June she was obliged to get up and get, owing to a number of demonstrations on the part of Mr. X which did not exactly coincide with her ideas of marital felicity. In the first place he would thump her on the nose, and to vary the exercise would do the board act with vigorous emphasis. She therefore unceremoniously dug out, and is since a wanderer from his bed and board. Although they have had a number of differences, they have multiply on the face of the earth, or words to that effect, and as the fruits of their labor can show up eight healthy children, ranging from three to sixteen years of age, of which she wants custody, excepting the eldest of the lot. She will pray, and every pray, etc. *ad infinitum*.*

### DID NOT TURN THE GAS OFF COMPLETELY

*Ft Wayne Journal Gazette ... September 26, 1916*

As the result of failing to shut off the gas completely Sunday night, **August Girard** and his daughter, **Anna**, 332 Randolph, an operator for the Boss Manufacturing company, narrowly escaped asphyxiation early yesterday morning.

Miss Girard was awakened shortly before 4 o'clock in the morning. She smelled gas, but fell unconscious before reaching fresh air. The noise of her fall awakened her father, who also detected the fumes of gas.

He rushed to the front door, falling down as he reached the porch. An early morning passerby saw him fall, ran to the porch, and was able to ascertain the cause. He found a telephone at a near by house and summoned the police, who took an artificial respiration machine to the Girard house. Both the father and the daughter were reached in time to be saved.

### FRENCH PICNIC SEPT 2

*Ft. Wayne News August 14, 1917 ...* The annual picnic of the French-American society will be held Sept 2 at Centlivre park, according to the announcement made yesterday in Langard hall. The members have decided that half the proceeds be donated to the Red Cross. Much interest is being exhibited in the picnic and it promises to be very successful.

*Yester Year... copied and submitted by Jane Morow*



**NEW HAVEN CITIZENS  
SUSBSCRIBE 30,000**

**RED CROSS WORKERS MEET**

NEW HAVEN, IND. The Sentinel ... OCT 27, 1917  
New Haven comes to the front in her subscriptions for the Liberty Loans. About \$30,000 have been subscribed by the people of this vicinity during the last few days, and it may amount o more than this after the last count is in. New Haven is always wide awake and ready to do her part when called upon, either for money or soldiers.

The ladies of the town are working for the Red Cross every Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sam Stocks, and it is earnestly desired that women of the township who possibly can arrange to do so will be at these meetings ready to do their bit in this important work.

**BISHOP ALERDING ADMINISTERS**

**CONFIRMATION AT BESANÇON**

Special to the Journal Gazette ... October 30, 1906  
Tillman Station ... Sunday at the St. Louis church at Besançon Rt Rev Bishop Alerding, of the diocese of Fort Wayne, administered the sacrament of confirmation to seventeen boys and sixteen girls besides one married lady. Although the weather was bad all day there was a large crowd of people in attendance. The Rev Dhe, pastor of Besançon, was assisted by four neighboring priests. Those that received the sacrament were: boys: **Arthur Lomont, Leslie Ternet, Harmon Ternet, Francis Boitiet, Clarence Boitet, Joseph Giant, Francis Rorick, Leonard Mourey, Clarence Townsend, Charles Conrod, Frank Conrod, Arthur Banet, Louis Renille, Justin Gladieux, Frank Rose and Albert Gerardot.** Girls: **Lucy Jacquay, Ella Martin, Bernadette Huguenard, Laura Boitet, Stella Banet, Lucy Gladieux, Bertha Venderley, Nora Voirol, Frances Pepe, Hattie Bowers, Viola Bowers, Lucy McCormick, Della Roy, Mary Gerardot and Irene Gerardot.**

**Suit Brought against RR**

Ft Wayne Gazette ... April 22, 1898

Suit was yesterday brought against the Pennsylvania company in the circuit court by **Pauline Sordelet**, administratrix of the estate of **Emil F. Sordelet**, deceased. Damage to the amount of \$10,000 are asked for the life of the deceased railroad man. Mr. Sordelet was employed by the defendant company as a switchman and last February he was killed while at work in the yards in this city by being caught between two cars.

**FLORENTINE ROY DIVIDES ESTATE**

Journal Gazette ... June 13, 1907

Mr. **Florentine Roy**, who sold his 180-acre farm in Perry township to Gandy & Company a few days ago, yesterday made a distribution of the proceeds among his three children, **Mr. Louis Roy, Mrs. B. R. Barva, and Mr. Charles J. Roy.** The price received for his farm was \$11,500, and of this sum Mr. Roy retained \$2,000, dividing the remainder equally among the three children, the only condition being that each shall pay him the sum of \$80 per year during the remainder of his lifetime.

Mr. Roy recently sold his interest in the East Superior street feed barn to his son-in-law, Mr. B. R. Barva, and will retire altogether from active business. Mr. Barva has leased the barn to Schelebecker Brothers.

**PTOMAINÉ POISONING.**

NEWS ...Dec 29, 1902 ... **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pichon**, of Griswold avenue, and their four children were made very ill Saturday morning from the effects of ptomaine poisoning contained in limburger cheese they ate at supper on Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Pichon recovered quickly and spent the greater part of the night assisting Dr. A. E. Van Buskirk in the relief of their little ones.

Continued from page 4. *More Yester Year...* copied and submitted by Jane Morow



### DODANE FAMILY REUNION

Ft Wayne News & Sentinel Sept 5, 1918 ...

The eighth annual reunion of the Dodane descendants was held Sunday September 1, at Robison Park. A bountiful dinner was enjoyed at the noon hour. Those present were: **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dodane, daughter May, and son, Joseph; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Voirol and son Clarence; Mr. P. F. Dodane, daughters, Zoa, Henrietta and LaVon; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith and family; Mrs. Julia Dodane, Mrs. Rose Langard, Marie, Rose and John Berchot; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Banet, daughters Elsie and Dorothy, sons Viron, Wilmer, Herbert and Howard; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dodane Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Brown; Joseph Roy; John Parrot; Julia and Lawrence Ryan; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Martin; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Urbine; Mrs. Henry Girardot and family; Mrs. Lena Johnell and Mrs. Jennie Blust.** The family is proud of the many sons who are serving old glory in the various branches of the service. The next annual reunion will be held in Ohio.

Weekly Sentinel ... August 30, 1917

**Edward Monnot** and family attending the third annual reunion of the Venderly family held at Convoy, Ohio. The next reunion will be held at the **August Girardot** home, near this place.

Journal Gazette ... September 13, 1906

**Mr. Albert Monnot**, who has been preparing for the Catholic priesthood at a college in Kansas, is in the city visiting his mother and other relatives on Spy Run avenue. Next Saturday Mr. Monnot will sail for Belgium to complete his theological studies at the University of Louvain. **Mr. Frank Monnot**, the Spy Run avenue grocer, is the young seminarian's uncle.

Ft. Wayne News ... January 22, 1916

The will of **Celina Boitet** has been filed for probate. She leaves \$50 to the pastor of St. Louis Catholic church for masses for her soul, and \$25 for masses for her departed husband. The balance of her estate is left to her children and grandchildren. **Louis Roussel** is named executor.

### WHEN MOTORCYCLE HITS WAGON SATURDAY NIGHT.

Ft Wayne News ... October 19, 1914 **Miss Esther Bowers**, aged sixteen, daughter of **Mrs. Benjamin Bowers**, is at St. Joseph's hospital with a broken arm and many cuts and bruises, and **Clarence Delagrance** is nursing a painfully bruised leg as the result of a collision between a motorcycle which they were riding and a heavy truck. The accident occurred Saturday night on Wells street. The couple had turned north on Wells street at a pretty good clip, when someone on the sidewalk yelled at them, and as they turned their heads they ran into the farm wagon.

### SOCIAL SEWING CIRCLE FORMED

Ft. Wayne News ... March 3, 1915 The Misses **Genevieve and Bernadette Gladieux, Bertha Vanderley, Cecelia Mourey, Emma Voirol, Agnes Vanderley, Hilda Coulardat, Blanche Banet and Amelia Mourey** have organized a social sewing circle which will hold meetings regularly to sew and enjoy a visit and dainty refreshments: The first meeting was held Saturday at the home of the Misses Mourey.

### RED CROSS HONORS SAVIO

Ft Wayne News & Sentinel ... March 19, 1919 The reception given by the Red Cross at the M. E. church in honor of **John R. Savio** was a complete success regardless of the inclemency of the weather. It was an event long to be remembered by all present. The wounded soldier, **Peter Malcolm**, of Nappanee, who was to speak, was unable to be present and Rev J. Phillips, pastor of the church, gave a short impromptu address. **Miss Clara Savio** sang in her usual charming manner and **Charles Shank**, recited several numbers with much applause, his numbers of Scotch and Irish dialect being especially pleasing. Short talks were given by returned overseas men, **Ross Marquardt, John Adams, and Leland Brown.** A purse of sixty dollars was presented to the honor guest as a small token of the appreciation the public feels for his sacrifice.

*Continued from page one ... French In Allen County, Indiana*

There is no doubt this began a time in both cultures to establish strong trading ties. A census taken by the British in 1772 noted there were about eight or ten French families living at the fort. In 1776, Jacques Lasselle of Montreal and his family arrived as a Indian agent to preserve the peace and secure the loyalty of French residents. The birth of his son, Hyacinthe, the following year is recorded as the first white person born at the site of present day Fort Wayne.

Trading with the Indians, wars with the British and Indians continued, history continued to repeat it self. There is quite a few, although sketchy, documents of the French living in fort, and a great number of names listed at various times. One *fasciating account* can be found in a journal kept by **Henry Hay** of Detroit, who gave his impressions of the civilized and uncivilized life style of the area; he gives a first hand account of times spent in the company of many French families. The French and French-Canadians showed a remarkable ability to adapt to changing conditions, their names are intermingled with trading, businesses of the area, law inforcement, and even in the case of Pierre Langlois, serving as a scout with Anthony Wayne.

The Catholic Church began to play a more major role as more and more French-born immigrants began arriving in the area in the late 1820s and 1830s. In 1822, three priests visted Fort Wayne, and in 1830, Reverend Stephen Theodore Badin, stayed with Francis Comparet, celbrated Mass and performed a number of bapisms and marriages. By 1835 there were 150 French Catholic families in the area.

Immigrants from Franche-Comté began arriving in 1832 dominated the area more than any other group. Washington Township, St. Joseph Township, Cedar Creek, Lake, Adams, and Jefferson Township all were being settled by French, all in all, by 1860 the French living in Allen County was the largest number at that time in the state ... 1,132.

#### French Immigrants Surnames and Home Villages

Surname	Village	Department/Area
BANET	Coulevon/Arcey	Dept Haute Saone
BARBIER	Grosne	Territorie de Belfort
BEUCHAT	Undervilier	Switzerland
BEURET	Breuleux	Switzerland
BELOT	Courchaton	Dept Haute Saone
BEGUE	Etueffont-Haut	Territorie de Belfort
BESANCON	Velotte	Dept Haute Saone
BOBAY	St. Germain	Territorie de Belfort
BONJOUR	Ligmieres	Switzerland
BOLLET	Chatenois	Dept Haute Saone
CAYOT	Roppe	Territorie de Belfort
CHOLET	Arcey	Dept Doubs
COULARDOT	Branne	Dept. Doubs

## French Immigrants Surnames and Home Villages

Surname	Village	Department/Area
DIDIER	Etueffont-Haut	Territorie de Belfort
DODANE	Morteau/Fleury	Dept Doubs
GEANT (GIANT)	Rougemont le Chateau	Territorie de Belfort
EUVARD	Courchaton	Dept Haute Saone
GIRARDOT	Viethorey	Dept Doubs
GIRARD	Romain	Dept Doubs
GLADIEU (GLADIEUX)	Vellescot/Grosne	Territorie de Belfort
GREMAUX	Courchaton	Dept Haute Saone
GROSJEAN	Belfort	Territorie de Belfort
GUIGNARD	Arcey	Dept Doubs
HAVERT	Benestroff	Dept Meurthe et Moselle
HUGUENARD	Courchaton	Dept Haute Saone
HENRY	Villersexel	Dept Haute Saone
ISABEY	Faimbe	Dept Doubs
JACOUTOT	Arcey	Dept Doubs
JEANMOUGIN	Amblans	Dept Haute Saone
JOLY	Benestroff	Dept Meurthe et Moselle
JOURNEY	Arcey	Dept Doubs
LACROIX	Courchaton	Dept Haute Saone
LALLOTS/LALLOZ/LALLOW	Champagney	Dept Haute Saone
LAMBLIN	Rougemont le Chateau	Territorie de Belfort
LAPALLU	Bournois	Dept Doubs
LOTHAMER	Guewenheim	Alsace
MAIGNY	Sourans	Dept Doubs
MANUEL	Bournois	Dept Doubs
MARTIN	Foug	Dept Meurthe Moselle
	Sancey le Grand	
MARTIN	Calmoutier	Dept Haute Saone
MONNIER	Anjoutey	Territorie de Belfort
MONNOT	Dampjoux	Dept Doubs
	Frambouhans	
	Montecheroux	
	Villars-sous-Dampjoux	
MOUREY	Abbenans	Dept Doubs
ODDOU	Arcey	Dept Doubs

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## French Immigrants Surnames and Home Villages

Surname	Village	Department/Area
PAILLOZ/PIO	Bournois	Dept Doubs
PARNIN	Grammont	Dept Haute Saone
PARROT	Audicourt	Dept Doubs
PEPE	Arcey	Dept Doubs
PERNOT	Bournois	Dept Doubs
PERRIGUEY	Bournois	Dept Doubs
PETITJEAN	Branne	Dept Doubs
PERREY	Valonme	Dept Doubs
PEQUIGNOT	Courchaton	Dept Haute Saone
	Belfort	Territorie de Belfort
PION	Beveuge	Dept Haute Saone
RASSAT	Grosne	Territorie de Belfort
RAUSIS	Orsières	Valais, Switzerland
RECEVEUR, Ferdinand	Arcey	Dept Doubs
REUILLE	Romain/Fontenelle	Dept Doubs
RONDOT	Athesans	Dept Haute Saone
ROSSELOT	Saulnot	Dept Haute Saone
ROUSSEY	Bournois	Dept Haute Saone
ROY	Moncey	Dept Haute Saone
SARRAZIN	Arcey	Dept Doubs
SAUSSOTTE	Etueffont-Haut	Territorie de Belfort
SAVIOZ/SAVIOT/SAVIO	Chamonix	Dept Haute Savoie
SORDELET	Courchaton	Dept Haute Saone
TERNET	Villafans	Dept Haute Saone
URBAIN/URBINE	Foug	Dept Meurthe et Moselle
VENDERLEY	Strasbourg	
	Etueffont-Haut	Territorie de Belfort
VINOT	Villafans	Dept Haute Saone
VOIROL	Les Genevez	Switzerland
YOQUELET	Roche	Switzerland

*Editor's note: We are always grateful for any information to add to this database.*



## OBITUARIES

Ft. Wayne News ... July 26, 1913

**Morris Lucile Girardot**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Girardot, of Madison township, is dead of bowel trouble. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the residence and at 2:30 from the St Louis Catholic church at Besançon.

Ft. Wayne News ... September 11, 1913

Funeral services for **Mrs. Victoria Langard** will be held Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the residence, 234 East Columbia street, and at 9 o'clock at the Cathedral. Interment at the Catholic cemetery. Pall-bears will be Messrs. **Dennis Gorman, Alphonse Girardot, Frank Parrot, William Henderson, Louis Pion and Edward Courdevey.**

Ft Wayne Journal Gazette ... November 14, 1905

WILIAM VOIROL, OF MONROEVILLE IS NO MORE

Sunday night about 9 o'clock occurred the death of **William Voirol**. He had been ailing for some time, but was not confined to his room. He was stricken while at home with his family, falling to the floor. Drs. Price and Connelly were called, but he was past all help. It is supposed death was caused by heart failure. The deceased had been a resident of Monroeville for some time and was about forty-two years of age. He is survived by his wife and four children, two boys and two girls, also the following brothers: **Albert** of Monroeville, **Lewis** of Jackson township, and **Frank** of near Dawkins, and one sister **Mrs. Frank Overly**, of Jefferson township. The deceased was well to do. The funeral will take place Wednesday.

Ft. Wayne News ... February 20/1903

**Mrs. Anna Dignan**, an old resident of the eastern part of the county, died Tuesday night, at her home near Maples. She was the widow of John Dignan, who died twenty one years ago. She was a native of Ireland, but spent most of her life in this county. She leaves six children, all of whom reside in the vicinity. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning, from the Catholic church at Besançon. Rev. John F. Noll will officiate.

Weekly Sentinel ... September 5, 1916

**Julian Martin**, a pioneer resident of Jackson township, died at the family home three miles north of Monroeville, Sunday night at the age of 62 years. Death followed an extended illness. The deceased was born in Jefferson township September 23, 1854 of French parents. He was married twice, his first wife, **Louise Huguenard**, having died thirty one years ago. To this union three children were born, **Julian, Joseph, and Mrs. Laura Young** of Ft Wayne, Later he was married to **Mary Grisey**, who survives him, as do the following children: **Eugene F., Nicholas, Mrs. Louise Aured** of Cecil, O, and **Eulalie, Catherine, Paul and William** at home. The aged mother, **Mrs. Caroline Reuille** and nine grandchildren also survive him. He was a member of St. Rose Catholic church and also of the French-American society. Funeral services Wednesday morning.

Ft Wayne Journal Gazette ... August 21, 1909

**Miss. Caroline Savio**, a well known resident of Besançon, and the owner of considerable property and some wealth in that locality, died at a local hospital at seven o'clock last night after a long illness with complication of diseases. Miss. Savio was sixty-five years of age and had been in failing health for a number of years. She never married. She was born in France and came to this country at an early age. She was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church in Besançon. Surviving are a brother, **Frank Savio**, of East Lewis street, this city, one sister residing in Columbus, O, and numerous relatives about Monroeville. The body has been removed to Getz & Cahill's undertaking parlors where it has been prepared for burial. Funeral announcements later.

Ft Wayne News ... November 17, 1894

Last evening, **Mrs. Jean Beatrice Pettenger** died at the age of 89 years at the home of her daughter, **Mrs. Louis Pepe**, in Washington township. The deceased was one of the pioneer French settlers of the northern part of this county. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning at the Catholic church at Academy.

## *Yester Year... copied and submitted by Jane Morow*

*Ft Wayne News ... 04/14/1904:* Two young people from Jefferson township, **Miss Nora Gladieux**, daughter of **Mrs. Celestine Gladieux**, and **Mr. Joseph Dager**, son of **Mr. Peter Dager**, were quietly married yesterday morning at 8 o'clock in the St. Louis Catholic church by the Rev. J. F. Noll, of this city. The bride and groom were given a reception in the evening at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Haffner, of 213 East DeWald street. *Ft Wayne Journal Gazette ... 05/16/1914:* **Mr. James Ternet and sister, Louise** of near Payne, O,

drove to the home of their brother, **Charles**, early Sunday morning. Mr. James and sister, **Cecelia** were sponsors for the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ternet and had it christened last Sunday, giving it the name of **Cecelia Kathryn**. Little Mary, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ternet accompanied James and Louise to their home near Payne and will remain for an indefinite period. *Ft. Wayne Sentinel ...*

*08/17/1900: New Haven News:* The **Misses Girardot**, of Denver, Col., are visiting their uncle and aunt, **Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Beugnot**, and other relatives in this county. Their parents, **Frank Girardot**, and wife, left Allen county in 1866, locating in Colorado. **Miss Gussie** will return to Denver in a few days, she is a teacher in one of the Denver schools and will be there at the opening of the term, September 3rd. Her sister will remain here for a more extended visit. This is their first visit to Hoosierdom. *Sentinel ... 11/27/1916* **R. E. Peters**, secretary to Congressman **Cyrus Cline**, and **Harry Muller**, attorney, were speakers at the democratic meeting held in the Besançon school house in Jefferson township Thursday night. Mr. Peters discussed democratic legislation which benefited the farmer and Mr. Muller spoke on state issues and particularly the finances, showing that the state was out of debt for the first time in eighty-three years.

*JOURNAL GAZETTE - ZULU NEWS: 02/10/1907* **Florence Snyder and Stella Griff**, of Ft Wayne; **Lucy Jacquay and Dora Snyder** were invited guests at the **Julia Snyder** home Sunday. ... **David Merrillat**, of the Ft Wayne Electric works, was here last week visiting with his father, **August Merrillat**. .... **Lizzie Giant**, of Ft. Wayne, was home Sunday visiting with her parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Giant**. ... **Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dager** of Townley, were here Sunday, guests of the latter's parents, **Emanuel Lesh** and wife. ... **Miss Lida Rose** of Ft Wayne, spend Saturday and Sunday with **Nellie Girardot**. .... *More from Zulu - 09/22/1916*

**Clyde Adams**, who for the past ten months has been employed at the **Arsane Gremaux** home, completed his work last Monday. ... **Mrs. Bernadette Gladieux** is employed at the **John Ternet, Jr.** home. ... **Mrs. Edward Monnot** and daughter, **Edna** motored to Payne, O, last Thursday morning.

*Ft. Wayne News, 05/03/1913* "Happy Reunion Occurred, When Alice Roy Returns"

After being lost to her family for the past six years, during which time relatives had search far and wide for her **Mrs. Alice Roy-Boul** has returned to her home in Perry township. She will hereafter live with her brother, **Charles P. Roy**, trustee of Perry township, at his home on the Coldwater road, several miles north of Ft. Wayne. The reunion at the Roy home came as a welcome event to Mr. Roy. Six years ago his sister, then **Alice Roy**, met a young hotel clerk in Chicago, **Frank Boul**, whom she married, and a short time later she disappeared. Although **C. P. Roy** and other relatives attempted to locate her, it was without success. A few days ago, however, a letter was received from her by **C. P. Roy** post marked St. Louis, in which she stated that she would come home if there was a place for her here. **C. P. Roy** left on the first train for St. Louis and returned with his sister today. About a year ago, **Mrs. Elizabeth Roy**, mother of **Mrs. Boul**, died, and it had been her last wish to see her daughter again. **Mrs. Boul** did not return for the funeral and knew nothing of her mother's death. She says she wrote home several times but received no answer.

*Mark  
in Your  
Calendar*

BESANÇON HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
CALENDAR FOR 2008

To be determined at a later date

Watch this space!

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

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*How Grandpa Signed His Name*

Some People say his name was Deetz or  
Dietz. His mother says she was Sheets or  
Scheetz. Just how my grandpa spelled his name

...

I am certainly confused!

The census taker spelled it Deats and on  
his stone it's shown as Diets. You'd think that  
just two times the same spelling would be used.

Now, Uncle Wilhelm swears that Deeds  
is how the family spelled it back when he was  
just a lad of eight or ten.

But Aunt Virginia says that Deads is how  
her parents signed it when a legal matter came,  
time and again. Could it be Deatz or Deadz, or  
Deedz?

I need some guidance in this ... *please,*  
*some proof* this problem my poor ulcer will not  
vix.

And so you bring this will to me, and  
there in all simplicity I find that  
grandpa's signed it with an X.

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AN OLD NAMING PATTERN

1ST SON = FATHER'S FATHER

2ND SON = MOTHER'S FATHER

3RD SON = FATHER

4TH SON = FATHER'S BROTHER

1ST DAUGHTER = MOTHER'S MOTHER

2ND DAUGHTER = FATHER'S MOTHER

3RD DAUGHTER = MOTHER

4TH DAUGHTER = MOTHER'S SISTER

The above naming pattern was usually  
called the 'Dutch' system. The German system  
was to use a common first name for the two or  
more children, and use the middle name as their  
"every day name".

## MAPLES NEWS

Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette ... 01/11/1916

The Messrs **Chester Gerardot, Dale Urbine, Jesse Rose, Charles Miller, and the Misses Emma Heine, Georgia Youse, substitute teacher for Miss Inez Bandelier, Pearl Behrman and Carrie Behrman** all teachers of Jefferson township attended the joint institute at the Lincoln Life Insurance building in Ft. Wayne on Saturday, Jan 8. ... **Mrs. Jacob Giant** and son **Clem** of near Monroeville, visited with **Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beuachot and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beauchot and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bacon** and family, of Maples, last Friday. ... **John Nail and Fred Hisner** attended the Jim Watson speech given in the assembly room of the courthouse at Ft Wayne last Saturday night. ... **Julian Gremaux**, trustee of Jefferson twp, was in Maples last Thursday collecting the assessments of the property owners for the cleaning of the Fred Fry ditch in the town of Maples and east of Maples. ... **Eugene Fry** of New Haven was a visitor with friends in Maples, Saturday .... **Arthur Bacon** was a business caller in Ft Wayne, Friday. ... The **Misses Inez and Ethel Bandelier** both young teachers of our public schools in Jefferson township are critically ill at their home east of New Haven with pneumonia. This is the second attack Miss Inez has had this winter and has developed into double pneumonia. The two patients are now under the care of a trained nurse from Ft. Wayne. ... **Mrs. Sarah Gerardot, sons Walter and Francis** and daughters **Mrs. Edward Reuille, of east of Zulu** visited with **Mr. and Mrs. John Gerardot** of north of Maples Tuesday.



“The reason people find it so hard to be happy is that they always see the past better than it was, the present worse than it is, and the future less resolved than it will be.”

Marcel Pagnol French

Writer, Producer and Film Director 1895-1974

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE OF  
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP FOR 1912. for the  
months of April and May

*Copied and submitted by Teri Gorney Not all are listed and not all are associated with Besançon.*

1	F. E. Lomont, trustee serv ...	40.00
1	Citizens' State Bank, int ...	11.03
2	H. M. Lomont, cleaning ...	3.00
3	J. W. Dawkins, shoveling ...	8.00
6	Nicholas Giant, shoveling ...	1.00
12	F. F. Kline, shoveling ...	4.00
18	John Ryan, labor ...	9.00
19	Chester Gerardot, teaching ...	155.00
26	John Kennerk, shoveling ...	4.00
26	Carrie Pratt, teaching ...	93.00
26	Carrie Pratt, teaching ...	254.00
27	Carrie Pratt, institute ...	24.50
30	A. B. Bacon, wood ...	7.00
30	F. C. Gremaux, super serv, ...	25.00
30	E. C. Thomas, teaching ...	160.00
31	E. C. Thomas, institute ...	24.50

For the month of May, 1912

1	F. H. Nahrwald, shoveling ...	8.50
1	Citizen's state bank, int. ...	9.75
3	E. E. Sweeney, teaching ...	214.00
2	Lucy Jacquay, teaching ...	276.00
3	Carrie Behrman, teaching ...	248.00
3	Carrie Behrman, institute ...	24.00
3	L. A. Lenhart, teaching ...	330.30
4	L. A. Lenhart, books ...	11.35
7	F. E. Lomont, expenses ...	12.50
7	B. Dowling, hardware ...	8.80
10	C. L. Miller, teaching ...	210.00
11	Jesse Rose, shoveling ...	5.00
13	John Ternet, dir work ...	2.50
14	J. W. Hullinger, ditching ...	2.00
15	S. M. Miller, ditching ...	2.00
15	S. Rothgeb, labor ...	3.00
17	Olive Lenhart, teaching ...	200.00
17	Olive Lenhart, institute ...	24.50
17	Chester Gerardot, teaching ...	34.00
17	Chester Gerardot, institute ...	23.80
17	G. W. Dawkins, ditching roads ...	19.00
18	John J. Girardot, shoveling ...	2.00
24	Frank J. Voirol, shoveling.	1.40
31	James Reel, labor ...	9.00