

# Besançon Historical Society, the Chronicles

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## THE SILENT CITIES ...

*This is another outstanding research done by Jane Morow. Copied from the Fort Wayne News of May 26, 1900 it explains the founding of all the cemeteries in the Fort Wayne area. She has transcribed it exactly as it was in the paper, errors and all. Jane also submitted it to Allen County's Genealogical Society. It is a well written piece, in the manner of the day, and it reminds the Editor of a travel log in many places. Remember it was written in 1900!*

*Any one who has 'walked' the cemeteries in search of a family name or a clue to their history will appreciate the article.*

### Last Resting Place for Our Beloved Dead.

It is not known when the footsteps of the white man first pressed the soil where the city of Fort Wayne now stands, but long before that time death had been doing it's fatal work among our primitive inhabitants, the red men of the forest, and the graves had been dug and burying grounds established for the dead ... places in some secluded spot where their bodies could be

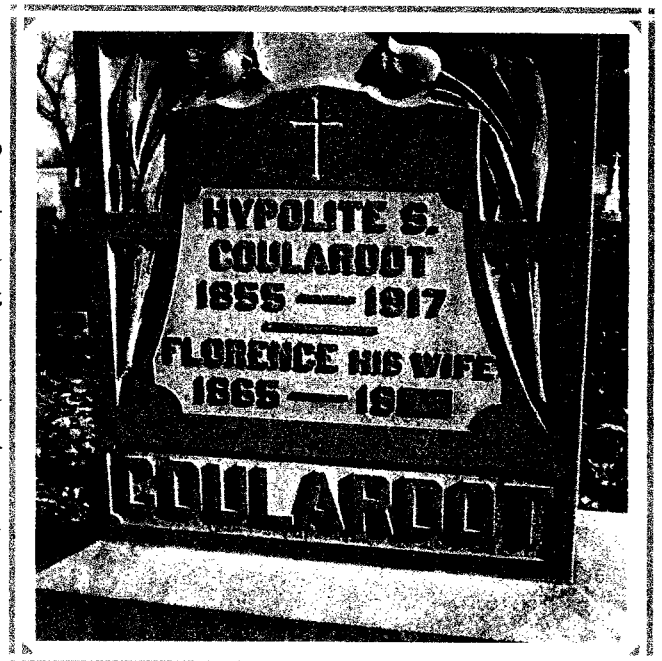
buried out of sight, safe from destruction by the prey-seeking wild beasts and where the living could visit their last resting place to drop a tear over the leaf-covered earth that hid them from view. How many thousand mortal remains lie in these grounds none but the Ruler of the Universe knows, nor do we know where their earlier cities of the dead are located.

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## Besançon's Own Story ...

St. Louis Catholic Church, Besançon has two cemeteries. The Old cemetery pre-dates the church and sets on two sides of it, very much like what you would find in the Old World. Records show that some of the graves were covered over when the 1870 church was built. A peaceful feeling surrounds you while you wander the site, viewing names and stones of those familiar to you. They tell a story, there is a history here, a connection. The New cemetery is East of the church a few yards.

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## The President's Message ...

The Besançon Historical Society met July 26th with 19 people present. Adam Barone who does our website spoke on his education, his roots, his cemetery project and what else we could add to our website. Adam was a math teacher before he started working in the genealogical section of the Allen County Public Library. He also does the websites for the Allen County Genealogical Society and the Four President's Corners, plus his own website. He has added the Brown Cemetery in Monroe Township to the Internet. This site tells the restoration of the cemetery, and gives a listing of the people buried there and some pictures.

By using Adam's suggestions, several items have been added. WWI and WWII registrations of the parishioners of St. Louis have been indexed. Jane Morow researched the data and I indexed it and put it in a notebook for the archives. Also added to the website are the pastors and the years they were at St. Louis. There is information on the French American Society and some of the names of the men that are in the picture at the archive.

The web site can be found at:

- <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~infpch/links.htm>

Click on "Links" on the left side of the page, then Besançon Historical Society, where you will find the opening Web Page. The Holy Trinity Window over the main entrance to ST. Louis Church can be seen on the left of the screen. Click on "Records" to access the cemetery, church records, military and vital records.

Three gentlemen from the American Legion spoke on the restoration of the Old Besançon cemetery. Mike Gaskill from Ohio said they have restored several cemeteries and they would help us get started with the Old Cemetery. The cost would be approximately \$1000 and no heavy machinery would be needed. The tombstones need to be straightened by leveling the ground under them and many tombstones need to be put back together. Julie Nolan is in charge of this project.

St. Joseph's Hessen Cassel and St. Vincent's are both trying to start a historical society. Six members of Besançon attended the first meeting at St. Vincent's. Don Bobay is in charge of St. Vincent's and had a very detailed outline at this presentation on starting a historical society. Don appreciated the comments from the Besançon members.

Wishing the best for the holidays!

*Barbara*

### MISSION of The Besançon Historical Society

#### ARTICLE II - SECTION 2:

The mission of the Besançon Historical Society of East Allen County is to preserve, interpret, and foster a deeper understanding of the history, heritage, and culture of the rural community known as Besançon, Indiana, generally located in Jefferson Township, Allen County, Indiana, and which has as its central focus,

Saint Louis Catholic Church

Established: 1994

## Friends of Besançon ...



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** MIKE GASKILL, 1229 FEASBY WISENER ROAD, CONWAY, OH. 45832.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** CATHERINE DZUREC, 4960 SHADY BROOKE RUN, MEDINA, OH 44256.

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF** ALETA GERARDOT, WIFE OF LEONARD S. GERARDOT, MOTHER OF LOIS TERNET, WHO DIED JUNE 10, 2008. ALSO, TO THE FAMILIES OF JOE ISENBARGER, HUSBAND OF BETTY (MOUREY), WHO DIED ON JUNE 16, 2008.

*Ft. Wayne Sentinel, April 18, 1901 ...* The marriage of Miss Ida Gladieux and Louis V. Roussel, two estimable young people of Jefferson Township, was solemnized Tuesday morning at St. Louis church, Rev. Father LeBonte officiating. The bridesmaids were the Misses Florence Snider and Roselia Lomont, while Emile Pepe and Clement Lomont officiated as best men. The charming bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gladieux, and the father was formerly county commissioner. Following the ceremony an elaborate lunch was served at 11:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents. A very large number of friends were present to enjoy the pleasurable occasion. The afternoon was spent in games and dancing; then came supper at 5:30, followed by music and dancing, which but for the luncheon at midnight, continued until broad daylight, and the occasion was one of unalloyed enjoyment. Mr. and Mrs. Roussel received a large number of valuable and home-made presents. Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dickson, and Frank J. Roussel of this city.

*From the archives of Gladys Nail Lomont ...*

**"Housing Act" by Robert Erwin, age 11**  
**1st place PTA Citizenship Contest**  
**There wasn't any architect**  
**No banker made a loan**  
**To solve their housing problem**  
**They were strictly on their own**  
**They didn't sign a mortgage**  
**And they didn't own a lot**  
**They stopped their covered wagon**  
**At a likely looking spot.**  
**Only sod to build their houses**  
**Hard-packed earth their floors**  
**Windows few and far between**  
**And hand-made were their doors**  
**No timber trees, no lumber mills**  
**Not even native stone**  
**But when at last they had them done**  
**A home to call their own**  
**No mansion, but a sturdy house,**  
**Their own strong hands had made**  
**It stood on fertile acres**  
**That had been surveyed**  
**No warranty, no abstract fees**  
**No red tape, legal fees**  
**They just came out and built the west**  
**And left all that to us.**

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The first burial ground of which we have any knowledge, used principally by the Indians, was on Columbia street, near Bash's warehouse, and extended north and west. Another was just south of the Old Fort site, around where the residence were buried, and also many not connected with the fort. The body of Lieutenant Ostrander, who died in the old fort, was interred in this graveyard. Other spots must also have been used by the Indians for general burying grounds, for in many localities, where excavations for buildings have been made, large numbers of Indian bones have been dug up.

After Fort Wayne got to be a village the land around the present site of the jail flats and also a tract in Bloomingdale were used for burial purposes, and later the old M. E. college grounds at the foot of the West Wayne street. There all the religious denominations, except Catholic, buried their dead. The Catholics used grounds east of the present location of the Cathedral, and later land which is now the southern part of Swinney park. In 1875 they purchased the tract of land east of the city, now used by them as a cemetery, and commenced the removal of their dead to this location.

The Protestants early found that their burying grounds were too near to the town, and unsuitable in other respects, and in 1837 what is known as the "old Broadway cemetery", consisting of four acres, which years before that was an Indian race track, was purchased by Hon. Hugh McCulloch and allowed by him to be used for cemetery purposes. The Lutherans purchased their own grounds, the Concordia cemetery, in 1850, and in 1859 the citizens formed the Lindenwood Cemetery association and it was incorporated. The incorporators were Jesse L. Williams, Hugh McCulloch, Charles D. Bond, David F. Comparet, Royal W. Taylor, Allen Hamilton, Alexander M. Orbison, John E. Hill, Phiny Hoagland, Alfred D. Brandriff, Ochmig Bird, and Isaac D. G. Nelson. In May, 1860, they purchased the property west of the city, now the Lindenwood cemetery, and began improving and beautifying it. The old Broadway cemetery was then abandoned and the removal of the dead buried there to the Lindenwood and Concordia cemeteries took place. This deserted burial ground was the property of Hon. Hugh McCulloch. He then deeded it to the city for a public park and it is now used as such, bearing his name "McCulloch Park." And is one of the delightful breathing spots of the city.

The Jews had established burying grounds just south and adjoining the old Broadway cemetery. In March, 1884, they purchased from the cemetery association about three acres lying on the west border of Lindenwood. It was deeded to the Achduth veshalom congregation of this city and is now used for their dead, but is governed by the same general rules that apply to Lindenwood.

#### THE POPULATION OF THE SILENT CITIES

In this article, the News gives, as closely as it could be ascertained, the number of graves in each of the cemeteries of the city. These figures do not represent the number of buried dead. More than a century of the history of the dead is a long period to go over. In the many removals of the bodies from one ground to another, graves where human bones lie buried were overlooked, all traces of them lost, and as a consequence were compelled to be left in their original burying places.

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Undertaker J. C. Peltier who is looked upon as authority on all mortuary matters, frankly confessed that he could give no sort of estimate of the number of bodies thus lost track of and not moved to present cemeteries, but thought it might run up into the thousands. The Superintendents of the different cemeteries tell the News that in many cases where the removals took place the bones of dozens and scores of unidentified bodies ... hundreds one superintendent said ... were gathered up and thrown in promiscuous mass in one burial place. Many were left in their first graves, they said, and the old cemetery sites probably cover thousands of them.

Then census taker may get an accurate count of the living, but he could not give anything like a correct estimate of the dead ... the population of our silent cities. The names of all of them and their number are only recorded in the book which is kept by the Great Judge before Whom they will have to appear to answer for the deeds done in the body.

But while many of the dead of the past lie outside the cemeteries of the present, the graves of those now sleeping there and the graves of those who in the future will pass to their eternal rest will be carefully guarded, for no city has better regulated cemetery associations than Fort Wayne and none more beautiful burying grounds, as will be apparent from the description given.

#### LINDENWOOD CEMETERY

Nature's virgin soil covers the buried dead in Lindenwood. Before its purchase for cemetery purposes the land within its borders had never been cultivated by the hand of man. It was a wild forest covered with heavy timber, and here and there, thick growths of underbrush, marshes and swales. But the original promoters of this city of the dead saw in its unsightly appearance "a diamond in the rough". By years of hard labor, furnished by their money and the money of their successors (for the most of the incorporators are now sleeping in the bosom of the earth they took so much interest in preparing) it has been converted into one of the most attractive cemeteries that can be found in the west.

It covers 124 acres of rolling land with hills and forest trees scattered over it in just the proper proportion to give it a picturesque appearance and afford all the shade necessary. The electric cars from the city run to its entrance gates, just within which, along the broad graveled driveway, is the "Gate Lodge," a stone building of the gothic style of architecture, and containing the superintendent's office, a room for the directors and comfortable reception rooms for the visitors of the grounds. At this building the entrance driveway separates and two road with their branches, lead the visitor along miles of graveled avenues to every part of the cemetery, passing green decked lots with their will kept graves, native forest trees with their emerald foliage, lakes fed by never-failing springs, the waters of which are filled with fish, and over whose surface swans and other water fowl sport; the crematory building for the incineration of the dead who in life had expressed their desire for that method of preserving their remains, and the many other places of interest and attractions.

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OBITUARIES ... Copied by Jane Morow

**NELLIE A. LAUER**

*NEWS AND SENTINAL ... FEB 24, 1919 ...* Following a week's illness from influenza, Mrs. Nellie A. Lauer, aged 34 years, wife of Edward Lauer, is dead at the family home, 1120 Cedar street. The decedent succumbed late Saturday at St. Joseph's hospital. Mrs. Lauer was born and raised in Jefferson township and received her education in the parochial schools of the St. Louis Catholic church of Besançon. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Girardot. For the past ten years the decedent had been a member of the St. Mary's Catholic church and was also affiliated with the various societies of that parish. Surviving relatives include the husband, two children, Henrietta and Robert Lauer; three sisters, Mrs. Jacob Giant and Mrs. Thomas Fuelling of Monroeville, and Mrs. Frank Meyer of this city; also three brothers; Henry and John Girardot, both of Jefferson township; and Chester Girardot of Maples, Ind. The funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday morning with the Rev. Father John H. Oechtering officiating, burial will take place in the Catholic cemetery.

**FELICIA ROUSSEY**

*News and Sentinel, Sept 9, 1918 ...* Following a serious illness of but a few days, Mrs. Felicia F. Roussey, aged 76 years, one of Allen counties and best known pioneer women, and a charter member of the St. Louis Catholic church at Besançon, died early this morning, at her home, fifteen miles from the city in Jefferson township, where she had resided continuously for the past forty-three years. Mrs. Roussey was born in France and came to Allen county at the age of eleven years, residing in this county ever since. While she had been in failing health for an extended period her condition did not become serious until very recently. She was one of the organizers of the St. Louis Catholic Church and had played an

Important part in the growth and development of that parish. She was also a member of the Ladies' society and Sacred Heart league of that congregation. The husband died six years ago. Surviving relatives include the following five daughters and three sons: Mrs. Frank Didier, Mrs. Joseph Harkenrider, Mrs. John Wolf and Mrs. Frank Griffith, all of this city, Mrs. Charles Moeller of Detroit, Emil Roussey of Jefferson township, and William and Louis Roussey, both of Jackson township. Twenty four grandchildren and four great grandchildren also survive. Funeral services will be conducted at the home, and at the church on Wednesday. Burial in the church cemetery.

**ROY**

*Ft Wayne News, January 27, 1913 ...* Joseph Roy, aged forty-five years, died suddenly yesterday afternoon from a complication of diseases at the home of Louis F. Roy, 524 Lawton place, where he came last Thursday. He was born and raised on a farm in Jefferson township, twelve miles from this city. He was a member of the St. Louis Catholic church. When he came to this city last week his condition was not regarded as serious, though he had been ill for some time. He is survived by a father, who lives on the farm in Jefferson township.

**BEUGNOT**

*Journal Gazette, Sept 3, 1916 Auburn, IN. ...* Charles Beugnot, fifteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo Beugnot, of South Main street, died at 1 o'clock this afternoon after a short illness of typhoid fever. Young Beugnot was born in this city and had resided here all his life. He was a member of the Auburn high school and the Y.M.C.A., and was well liked by all who knew him, or came in contact with him. He carried a paper route for the News for some time. Besides his parents, one sister is left to mourn him. The funeral will be held on Monday at 3 o'clock from the residence, burial at Woodlawn.

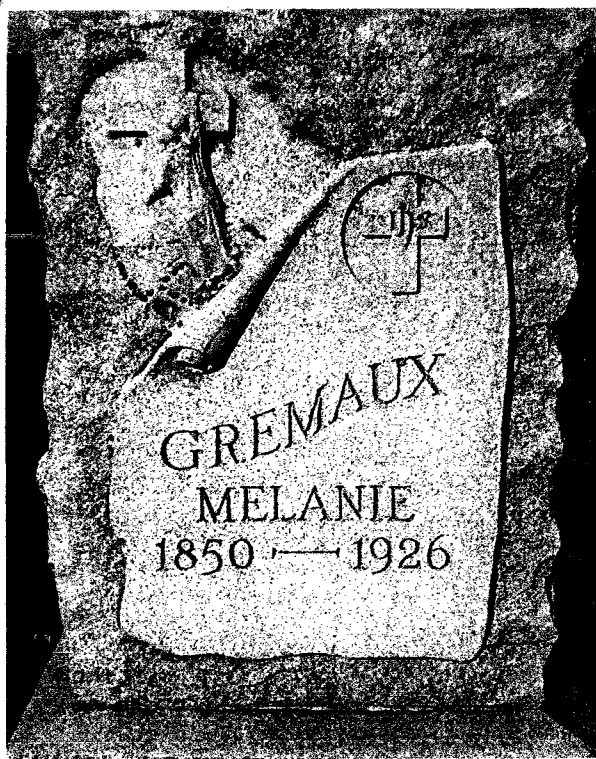
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A custom after a funeral held at the Church is to walk to the New cemetery for the burial services. It seems to satisfy a great many emotions; one of finality and comfort. The last known burial in the Old cemetery was Sister Lucille Converset in March of 2005.

The stones are fragile in the Old cemetery, some are hard to read. A great many are now being restored by family members as Joe and Faye (Holmes) McCallister did for the two stones of Maurice Nicolas and Anna (Jauris) Rausis in 2002. Each monument tells a story here in the grave stone art. Some are decorated with lilies, pictures, and crosses. Drapery in stone stands for mourning and a lamb on top signifies a child; a rose bud tells the story of a life cut short. Arches represent the gate way or sometimes victory in death. A closed volume means the book of life has ended, if it is an open Bible, it signifies Christian faith. Sometimes a scroll with curled ends signify the uncertain length of life, with its hidden past and unknown future.

In 1997 Jim Lomont aided by Judy Schroff and Sue Kratzman began the mapping the old cemetery. It was sectioned off, numbers given to each plot, with the names and dates added to the index, with a map. From this hard work came the first book of the Cemeteries of Besançon. In the Spring of 2002, with Jeff Hoffman heading up the 'reading' of the New Cemetery and with Tamyra Jauregu entering it all on a database and the New Cemetery book went to press.

Both the Old and New cemeteries of Besançon are well cared for and reflect the love and respect due our ancestors.



## ZULU NEWS

*Journal Gazette, January 22, 1913 ...* Mr. Louis Venderly was a Monroeville caller Saturday and purchased a fine Peninsular range to add to his beautiful home. ... Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ternet were calling on the sick Sunday. They called at the J. C. Comment home and the A. Gremaux home and at the George Townsend home. ... Funeral for the remains of Mrs. Julia Snider occurred Monday after a sickness at the home. The funeral was private, leaving the house as quietly as could be done in order not to excite the sick. The sad feature of the affair was a heavy rain during the funeral hour, keeping lots of friends from attending the church.

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



*Journal Gazette ... Aug 8, 1906 ... Louisa and Julian Martin, Jr. entertained a party of friends Sunday in honor of their brother, Joseph, who arrived home from Chicago to spend a vacation with this parents. Music and social chat were the amusements till a late hour after which a dainty lap supper was served to the guests. Those present were Jane and Sophia Martin, Agnes Bauchot, Marnie Harvard of Ft. Wayne, Frank Martin, Lafe and Henry Gerardot, Sam, Arthur and Lafe Bacon, Joseph Roy and Mrs. J. Mormot and children. ... Ft. Wayne News, Aug 13, 1916 ... The reunion of the Bobay family will be held at Robison park on September 3. About three hundred members of the Bobay family are expected to be in attendance.*

### GOES OVER EMBANKMENT

*Ft. Wayne News ... June 24, 1919 Special to the News.*

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ladig had a narrow escape from serious injury Saturday afternoon when the large touring car Mr. Ladig was driving left the highway and crashed down a ten foot embankment one mile west of town. Mr. Ladig lost control of his machine in waving at a friend in a near-by field and crashed down the embankment, striking a catch basin and turned turtle. Both occupants of the car were badly shaken and Mrs. Ladig was removed from beneath the car by Albert Strums, who resides near the scene of the accident. Mrs. Ladig received a deep gash on the wrist.

*Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette, November 24, 1901 ... Mr. and Mrs. George Giant entertained four generations of the family at a Thanksgiving dinner yesterday. Those present were George Guither, Mr. George McCoy and son Angus, Mr. and Mrs. John Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. C. Schuekle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Giant and children, Miss Cora Hagadore, the Misses Tillie and Zoa Conrad and John and Homer Conrad.*

*Journal Gazette, December 3, 1907 ... One of the most enjoyable Thanksgiving dinners was that given at the pleasant country home of Mr. and Mrs. August Chevillot, in Jackson township. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Gladieux, Mr. and Mrs. D. Lortie, Mr. and Mrs. William Pio, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henry, Mr. and Mrs. P. Henry of New Haven,; the Rev. Father Dhe, of Besançon; Mrs. P. Sordelet of Canandaigua, NY, the Misses Noran, Lelia, Beneditia and Jenevia, Millitine Pio, Katie and Marie Lortie, Clara Dubot, and the Messrs. Ed Dubot and William Sordelet and Jerome Chevillot of Ft. Wayne.*

### APPROACHING NUPTIALS

*Ft. Wayne News, Dec 13, 1902 ... The marriage of Miss Bessie Comling, of 2517 Calhoun street, to Mr. Albert Lothamer, will take place Christmas eve at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents. The wedding will be a very quiet owing to a death in the family circle.*

*From the Sentinel, August 8, 1914*

### PLAY DOUBLE HEADER

Starting with a game between the Monroeville Giants and the Maples Stars and closing with an argument between the Monroeville Blues and the Besançon club, two games will be played at Monroeville Sunday afternoon.



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The monuments of Lindenwood are beautiful and costly, and hundreds of them, ranging in price from \$800, \$1,000, \$1,500. and upwards, would merit mention. The News can refer to only a few of them, and for the want of space will not attempt a description of any, but the Ewing vault and monument and the monuments of George W. Wood, I. D. G. Nelson.

The Ewing monument and vault is the most costly in the cemetery. It was erected as a tribute to Colonel George W. Ewing. It is a Scotch, highly polished, granite obelisk, thirty five feet high, resting on a granite base eight feet square, below which is the vault containing twenty eight chambers. It cost the estate \$22,000.

The Wood monument is a sarcophagus ... that is coffin-shaped. Its stone is from the quarries at Hallowell, Maine. Its lower base is eleven feet six inches by eight feet six inches, and its height is nine feet. The workmanship is surpassingly fine, and the style attractive, and attracted much attention at the Philadelphia centennial, where it was exhibited in 1876. It was erected by Mrs. George W. Wood in honor of his husband and cost \$6,500.

The Nelson monument is a tall, heavy granite, very handsome, but not as costly as the Wood and Ewing monuments, or perhaps as that of Captain J. B. White and one or two others. It was erected by the trustees of Lindenwood in recognition of the services and interest in the cemeteries of Hon. I. D. G. Nelson. There are appropriate inscriptions on the four sides, the one on the west side, facing the driveway, bearing these explanatory words:

This monument was erected by the Lindenwood Cemetery Company As a Mark of Esteem for the Indefatigable, Good Taste and Fidelity of Isaac G. D. Nelson, one of the Founders, Patrons, and first President of this Corporation.

Other costly stones which grace the grounds and attract attention are the Bass, Hanna, Edgerton, Williams, Simons, Olds, Nuttman, White, W. G. Ewing, Bond, Coombs, Simon-on, Morgan, Foellinger, Zollinger, and Wilding monuments and scores of others. Indeed, so many in number are these costly monuments that one becomes confused and finds himself unable to pick out the most beautiful.

There are now, Superintendent Doswell tells the News, 9,440 graves in Lindenwood. The first body to receive original interment there was that of Caroline Bushman, who died on the 6th of July, 1860.

To be continued in the next issue.



*Mark  
by  
Gene  
Yoquelet  
Calendar*

## BESANÇON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### CALENDAR FOR 2009

The BESANÇON archives will be open the first,  
third and fourth Wednesday of each month for the  
Summer

Please call

Barb Gorney (260-490-6725)

or Gene Yoquelet (260-622-4067)

to make an appointment.

The hours are 9:30 A. M. to 12:00 Noon.

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### MEMBERSHIP DUES

payable, first of January

Individual - \$15.00

Family - \$20.00 Lifetime - \$200.00

send a check attn.:

Treasurer, Besançon Historical Society

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All officers are on the Internet:

*Let us know how we are doing!*

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### CHOLERA PIE

*This is from my Grandmother, Sarah (Rose) Lomont's cook book. In researching it, I found it was a traditional dish, dating back to the 1800's and could be found in Switzerland. Why it was named after the epidemics of the day will be another story.*

*1/2 to 3/4 cup of butter*

*1 medium chopped onion*

*1 leek, white part only*

*2 apples, tart*

*2 medium potatoes*

*Cheese, fine (Swiss?)*

*2 pie shells*

*Salt, pepper, and nutmeg*

*1 egg for wash*

*Peel, halve, and boil potatoes, until tender, slice when cool. Peel and thinly slice apples. Melt butter in large skillet and cook onion, leek and apples until tender.*

*Add potatoes, salt, pepper, and nutmeg to taste and toss. Put in pie crust, add half mixture, sprinkle with cheese, add rest of mixture, and rest of cheese. Put top crust on pie, pinch edges, seal, pierce top. Brush top crust with egg.*

*Bake for 35 to 40 minutes. (I tried it at 350 degrees, it worked fine). Let cool for about 10 minutes, serves 6.*

### **Editor's Note:**

We will continue copying the obituaries that **Jane Morow** has so graciously researched and printed out for us. They provide a wealth of information regarding the families of BESANÇON, plus the writing styles and comments of the paper make for interesting reading. I have left the spelling exactly as it appeared, although it is hard to resist make changes!

### MORE ZULU NEWS

*Journal Gazette, January 22, 1913* ... The telephone is still out of commission and no hopes of being in operation. Soon the people that have sick at their homes cannot communicate with their physicians and it makes it very inconvenient. ... Mr. Frank Conrad arrived here Sunday from Chesaning, Mich., from where he drove through. His father accompanied him and will remain to see him married returning to his home. ... Miss Edna Monnot spent Sunday with her cousin, Miss Agnes Venderly. ...

### JEFFERSON NEWS

*Journal Gazette, January 26, 1913* ... Dr. G. G. Brudi made a professional call at the Joseph Boitet and Frank Henry, Jr. homes Wednesday. Mrs. Henry, who had been suffering with a second injury to her knee, is able to be up and around again. Miss Mabel Boitet is slightly improved. ... Louis and Maria, the little son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lomont, who have been ill, are much improved. ... The corn contest which was held at the schoolhouse No 2, Jefferson township, Saturday, January 18, was well attended and all reported a fine time. First prize in yellow corn went to Jan Rorick. Other winning contestants were Charles Rothget, Michael Ostheimer, Paul Zink, and Charles Lomont. ... Funeral services for Levola Marquardt, the one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Marquardt, was held Thursday morning. Death was due to a complication of diseases. Her mother is seriously ill.

### NAILS STATION NEWS

*Journal Gazette, January 24, 1913* ... Bans of marriage were published for the first time Sunday, at the St. Louis church at Besançon, for Mr. John Gerardot and Miss Ava Faire. ... Mrs. Charles Ternet, and daughter, Velma, and son, Cletus were shopping in Fort Wayne, Tuesday. ... Mrs. Caroline Nail spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Mary Nail. ... Messrs. Frank and Jesse Rose caled at the home of Mr. William Behrman Sunday. ... Miss Eve Dodane gave a shower for Miss. Ella Martin, a bride of this week. Miss Martin received many beautiful and useful presents. ...

### ZULU NEWS

*Journal Gazette, January 25, 1913* .. The walking contest proved to be a fake Wednesday, a large crowd gathered at the appoiated place to see the walkers come in and anxious to see who would be the winner, but they failed to appear. (?) ... Edward Gladieux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gladieux, is staying with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gladieux and helping them with their work, and going to school from there. ... Miss Laura Boitot was called home on account of her sister, Mabelle, being sick. Miss Mabelle assisted in the caring for the sick at the Snider home it is feared she has contracted the dread disease typhoid fever. ... A social is to be given at the St. Louis Besançon hall for the benefit of some repairs much needed in the basement. The ladies of the congregation are asked to donate fancy work for the fancy table to be lotteried off.

### Successful Operation

For Appendicitis Performed Upon August Bobay,  
at St. Joe Hospital

*News Sentinel, March 4, 1896* ... An operation for appendicitis was performed at St. Joseph's hospital at 11 o'clock last Sunday which has proven successful. The fact that the operation had been performed and kept quiet until last evening in order to give the patient sufficient time to show what the result was to be.

The patient was August Bobay, the son of John Bobay, a prominent farmer living near Academie station, south of this city. Dr. Dinnen was the attending physician and several days ago he had the young man, who is twenty three years of age, brought to this city and placed in the hospital where the operation could better be preformed and where the patient could receive the attention of skilled nurses. Sunday forenoon, Dr. Dinnen operated upon him, assisted by Dr. Barnett, removing the appendix and relieving the trouble.

Forty-eight hours are necessary to prove what the results of such an operation will be. Last evening Dr. Dinnen informed The Sentinel that Bobay had passed the critical point, and there was no doubt he would fully recover.

*Ft. Wayne Daily News, January 23, 1915* ... New York ... A wife's love is valued at six cents. A girl's toe is worth \$1,000 A man's finer is worth \$750. These are the latest quotations fixed by New York juries. Nancy Ericson, seventeen, was awarded \$1,000 for the loss of a toe. George W. Rothenhunsen received a verdict of \$750 for the loss of the index finger of his right hand. William J. Reitmeier sued James D Thom for \$10,000 for alienation of his wife's affections. He was awarded six cents.

### Four Licenses Granted Saloon Men

In Jefferson Township.

*News Sentinel, December 30, 1908* ... Under the ruling of the board of county commissioners, after receiving the opinion of County Attorney Hoffman, this morning, liquor licenses were granted today to Claude F. Gladieux at Tillman, Herman F. Hockemeyer at Gar Creek, Frank J. Gerardot at Zulu and William J. Beauchot at Maples. These towns are all located in Jefferson township, which was dry for two years under a blanket remonstrance. Upon the announcement of the decision Attorney James A. Graham, for the Anti-Saloon league, took an appeal to the circuit court and filed a bond for the costs. He had evidently expected an adverse decision as he had the bond prepared in his pocket. The licenses will issue, however, and the saloonmen can go along pending a hearing on the appeal. Mr. Hoffman took the position first that the remonstrance should have been filed in December and that it should have contained the names of a majority of the voters who cast their ballots at the last preceding election in November. Mr. Graham said he was perfectly satisfied with the decision and that he would obtain a victory in the higher courts.

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