



## Besançon Historical Society the Chronicles ...

### WHO IS GRÉVIN? ... BY MARGERY GRAHAM

Having done family research for a number of years, I am use to the pieces eventually fitting to complete the puzzle. One such puzzle has lingered unsolved for a long time. My great grandparents were Thomas Ryan and Mary Broderick, devout Irish Catholics. Their marriage record of 1862 was located in Allen county marriage records with the lower portion signed by Grévin, Minister of the Gospel. I really wanted a church marriage record because a priest usually included the parent's names, including both mother's maiden names. Six family names on one marriage is a goldmine of information!

Methodically, I examined records of St. Louis Besançon, but nothing was found. Knowing that St. Louis had been a mission of St. Vincent's, a search was made of St. Vincent's marriage records. Again, nothing was found. Some of the Irish Catholics of Jefferson Township attended St. John's the Baptist Catholic Church in New Haven. Searching St. John's marriage records also proved negative. Had they not been married in church? Margaret Ryan, sister of Thomas, was married in 1862 as did two Gerardot relatives, and each of their county marriage records were signed by Grévin, Minister of the Gospel, or just Grévin. Who is Grévin? Inquiring minds want to know.

Allen county, Indiana marriage record book four and five were read, paying attention only to the person performing the marriage. Seventeen marriages signed by Grévin are Francis Saviot to Mary Rose 28 Mar 1861, Jacob Bellow to Otilia Courdevay 16 Apr 1861, Claude Francis Cornaille to Generas Villemenot 12 Apr 1861, John Bobay to Julia Sarazen 23 Apr 1861, Francis Delagrange to Octavie Boiteux 14 Dec 1861, Alexis Gerardot to Anne Urbain 1 Dec 1861, Thomas Ryan to Mary Broderick 20 Jan 1862, James Finan to Margaret Ryan 22 Mar 1862, William Ditzell to Adeline Gerardot 29 May 1862, Charles Jamis to Harriet Placide Devonenil 10 Jun 1862, Anthony Gerardot to Hettie Ditzell 14 Oct 1862, Julian Voirol to Nelenare (Lenore/Laura?) Cingot 14 Oct 1862, Lester Gladiot to Josephine Lambolley 9 Nov 1862, August Roussey to Felicia Louk 12 Nov 1862, Lucas Faveret to Mary Laurin, 12 Nov 1862, Francis Pettyjean to Mary Marrelly 17 Nov 1862 and Francis Saviot to Venus Ferret, 10 Dec 1863. The last marriage in 1863 was the only one signed "Louis Grévin, Catholic Priest".



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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ...

Spring has sprung and so has the grass. My project at this time is yard work but I always have time set aside for research or answering queries. The first week in April was a great getaway.

The Ohio Genealogical Society Conference was held in April at Sawmill Creek Resort. It is just east of Sandusky, Ohio and on Lake Erie. There were 7 lectures to choose from and 5 sessions on Friday and Saturday. Yes, a total of 35. Two of the lectures I attended focused on the Civil War given by Michael Strauss who is a librarian by profession but is also a professional genealogist, author, lecturer and a Civil war enactor. There are many records that can be researched whether union or confederate. There are compiled service records, pension, cemetery, census, confederate amnesty, soldiers home and unit histories to name a few. Michael Straus gave a lively and informative talk.

The Allen County Public Library is sponsoring the Palatine convention in June. Check their website for dates. The Palatines are German roots and they also have good lectures. The library has their own schedule of genealogical events. DNA is a big topic that will be covered and also beginning research.

The Besancon archives has over 1000 obituaries which are now filed alphabetically in 3 notebooks. The dates range from late 1800's to today.

Julie Nolan is working on revitalizing the old cemetery. The plan is to straighten the tombstones, dig up the ones that are half covered with dirt and "glue" others together where they have been broken. The American Legion has already done this around Monroeville and is willing to show us how to clean up the old cemetery.

The city of Fort Wayne is marking the route of the old Lincoln Highway. May 21<sup>st</sup> a

dedication of a Lincoln Highway sign will be placed at the Harrison Street Bridge which was called the Lincoln Highway Bridge in 1915. All of this is with Indiana honoring Abraham Lincoln because of his spending his childhood years in Indiana. Jan Shupert-Arick has done much to promote preservation of the Lincoln Highway. Her power point talks have been presented at various functions. She has many old pictures of cars and people.

The History Center in downtown Fort Wayne will have a display on Abraham Lincoln also. Several years ago a Lincoln Highway sign was dedicated on old 30 just off the new route 30. Old 30 which was called the Lincoln Highway runs in front of Besancon. The sign is small but creates a great remembrance of early roads.

My DNA story has finally filled out completely. I was contacted by a gal who has been working on the Ensley family and had documents from the North Carolina Archives. She sent a packet of information which proved the 2 generations I was missing. Quite a story especially since my great grandfather had changed his name to Jones!

*Barbara*

### MISSION OF THE BESANCON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### ARTICLE II - SECTION 2

The mission of the Besancon Historical Society of East Allen County is to preserve, interpret, and foster a deeper understanding of the history, heritage, and other culture of the rural community know as Besancon, 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 ...*



Our deepest sympathies to Judy Schroff on the passing of her husband, David, in February.

Thanks to MaryJane Novosel for her generous donation to the society. And, to John and Roseanne Schreiber for their contribution to the library fund.

### PASTORS TO SAINT LOUIS PARISH, BESANÇON

Rev. A. Bessonies ... Builder of first church (log)  
(No actual recorded date).

Rev. Julian Benoit ... Date of arrival in Ft. Wayne,  
Indiana, April 16, 1840. Administrated to the spiri-  
tual needs of the rural pioneer communities from St.  
Augustine, Ft. Wayne.

Rev. Grévin ... 1864-1865 (first resident  
pastor)

Rev. J. C. Carrier, C. S. C. ...  
Jan. 1865-Nov. 1866

Rev. A. deMontaubricq ...  
April to Dec 1867

Rev. A. J. M. Vandevannet ...  
Dec. 1867-Oct 1868

Rev. A. Mignault ... Oct. 1868-Jan 1870  
(Rev. Mignault started gathering funds for the erection  
of the present church).

Rev. A. Adam ... Jan 1, 1870-875

Rev. W. Demers ... 1875-1876

Rev. Constance Maujay ... 1876-1878

*Two years with out a priest.*

Rev. P. F. Veniard ... 1880-1893

Rev. Charles Guendling & Rev. William Quinlan  
June 1893—June 1894  
(Both served the parish from the Cathedral and  
Rev. Quilan built the present rectory).

Rev. F. X. Labonte ... June 1894-1902  
(Built the first school, St. Joseph)

Rev. John F. Noll ... June 1902-1906

Rev. Charles Dhe ... 1906-1908

Rev. Michalel Louen ... 1908-1916  
(Built the second school, St. Louis Academy).

Rev. George J. Moorman ... 1916-1921  
(Served as chaplain during WWI)

Rev. William Gelsdorf, O.M.I. & Rev. E. A. Davies,  
C. S. C. (Administered to the parish during Rev.  
Moorman's absence during WWI).

Rev. J. Nicholas Allgeier... June 15, 1921-July 1935

Rev. Joseph A. Hession ... July 25, 1935-1948

Rev. Carl Holsinger ... 1948-1956

Rev. Andrew C. Mathieu ... 1956-1962

Rev. Fred J. Cardinali ... 1962-1968

Rev. Robert L. Traub ... 1968-1970

Rev. Louis Zenz ... July 1970-1971

Rev. Edward T. Keever ... 1971-1978

Rev. Andrew J. Kopcsa ... 1978-1986

Rev. Thomas C. Lombardi ... 1986-1997

Rev. Stephen E. Colchin ... 1997-

*Thanks to Barbara Gorney for contributing this*

*"YESTER YEAR ... copied and submitted by Jane Morow*



### BESANÇON NEWS

*Journal Gazette, March 30, 1915* ... Mr. and Mrs. Louie Louraine are the proud parents of a baby girl born Friday. ... The Sewing circle of Besançon held their third meeting at the home of Mrs. Frank Henry, Jr., last Thursday afternoon and the following ladies were present: Mrs. Joseph Boitet, Mrs. Joseph Dodane, Mrs. John Boilet, Mrs. Joseph Voirol, Mrs. John Kennerk, Mrs. Mary Dodane, Mrs. Frank Henry, Sr., and Mrs. John Ehinger. ... The North Side Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. Clem Girardot Thursday and spent a very pleasant afternoon, sewing and chatting. The following were present: Mrs. August Girardot, Mrs. Joseph Ryan, Mrs. Charles Lomont, Mrs. Michael Hamman, Mrs. Mary Voirol, Mrs. Frank Reuille, Mrs. Edward Lomont, Mrs. Erenst Lomont and Mrs. Clem Girardot.

*Journal Gazette, December, 1914* .... Mr. and Mrs. Girardot spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bobay at St. Vincents. ... The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Converset died Wednesday and was buried at St. Louis church Friday. ... Mrs. Joseph Boitel and daughter, Mabelle were Fort Wayne shoppers Wednesday and while at that place called on Mrs. Celina Boitel at St. Joseph hospital. ... Mrs. August Jacquay is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Roy, at Edgerton. ... Frank Lomont was at Gar Creek on Tuesday morning. ... Little Mabelle Pio of Fort Wayne is visting her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Pio. .... The following here witnessed the basketball game at New Haven Friday evening: Misses Charlotte Lomont and Pearl Behrman, Jesse Gladieux, Art

Lomont, Bernard Henry, Clem Gladieux, John Lomont, Leo Boitel, Willie Ternet and Arthur Gladieux. ... Bans of the approaching marriage of Miss Laura P. Boitet and Mr. Leslie G. Ternet was annouced for the first time at the St. Louis Catholic church at this place. ... Miss Florence Snider of Ft. Wayne spent Saturday evening and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Frank Reuille. ... Mr. Arthur Ternet witnessed the show at the Temple Saturday afternoon. ... Mr. Louis and Clarence Reuille, Bernard Snider, Miss Marie Stark and Mabelie Boitet spent Wednesday evening with Miss Mildred Holmes. ... Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin are having some plumbing done. ... The Misses Velma Ternet and Mabelle Boitet of this place and Rose Fetters, of Monroville have post poned their visit with relatives and friends in Ohio on account of bad weather. ... A large number of farmers from here attended the corn show at New Haven last week. ... Miss Agnes Bolyard is employed at the Louis S. Gladieux home. ... Dominic Lortie moved his household goods to Fort Wayne Thursday. Their many friends wish them success in their new home. ... Mr. Victor and Clyde Maquite, Allen and Manford Lomont called on Mr. Joseph Dodane Sunday afternoon. ... The many friends of Mrs. William Gorrell were greatly shocked to hear of her death which occurred Saturday morning at her home in New Haven. .... Mr. and Mrs. Jilia Girardot spent Thanksgiving Day with Henry Kline and family. ... The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Louise Roussel who has been ill for some time is much improved at this writing. #

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Louraine celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Wednesday at the home of two of their sons-in law, Bernard and Herman Pranger, 1213 Anthony boulevard. There was a family gathering, but as Mrs. Louraine is not well, entertaining was confined to the family circle. Mr. Louraine is a native of Belfort, France, but he has lived in this country sine 1852, when the family reached Fort Wayne after a voyage of many days on sea and land and settled on a farm in Jefferson township, which is still retained as the old homestead of the family. Mr. Louraine is now seven-six years of age. Mrs. Louraine was born in Starke county, Ohio, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Monier, a prominent French family of early days in that part of Ohio. Mrs. Louraine's marriage took place when she was less than eighteen years old and until failing health overtook her about four years ago, she looked many years younger than she was and retained much of her youthful beauty. The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Louraine was celebrated in St. John's Catholic church, New Haven, April 19, 1866. Mr. and Mrs. Louraine still live on the farm where they began married life, bur Mrs. Louraine has been at the home of her daughters in recent weeks. The sons and daughters born to this fine old couple are all living and are Frank X, Monroeville, John E., Ft Wayne, Charles N., who lives on a farm near Zulu; Louis J., who lives on the homestead; Mrs. Herman Pranger, Mrs. Bernard Pranger and Mrs. Frank Wagner, of this city, and Mrs. Louis Girardot, of Jefferson township. Herman C. Pranger, one of the sons-in-law is deputy sheriff for Allen county. There are nineteen grandchildren in the family and all give the honor and respect due their splendid pioneer ancestors.

*Ft. Wayne Weekly Sentinel ... April 26, 1916*

## MARRIAGE LICENSE

Arthur J. Yoquelet 19, farmer and Helen A. Weilman, 18  
*Fort Wayne News ... January 27, 1916*

## MISS YOQUELET PLEASANTLY ENTERTAINS FRIENDS.

Miss Minnie Yoquelet entertained Saturday evening at her beautiful country home near New Haven in honor of her birthday anniversary. A buffet luncheon was served. The evening was spent in games and music. Prizes given for games were won by Julia Webster, Hiram Webster, Clement Rorick and Louis Emenhiser. Other guests were Maude Emenhiser, Hattie Dawkins, Rosa Rorick, Rose Lomont, Nora and Lelia Gladieux, Minnie Longardner, Dora Rorick, Irene Girardot, Irene Yoquelet, Clara Yoquelet, Sarah Fuimer, of Roanoke, Rosa Cramer, of Payne, O and Rosa Unger, of Fort Wayne. Henry Girardot, Ernest Lomont, Frank Henry, Charles Yoquelet, Willie Girardot, John Lomont, Clarence Lomont, Clarence Yoquelet, William Longardner, Edward Lomont, and Jesse Lothamer.

*Journal Gazette ... August 15, 1906*

## FALLS - TOWNSEND

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the St. Louis Besançon church last Tuesday when Miss Etta Falls became the bride of Clarence Townsend. Miss Ida Falls and Miss Marie Lortie were bridesmaid's and Mr. Francis Lortie and Mr. Cletus Ternet were the groom's attendants. On account of a recent death in the bride's family, the wedding was quiet and only a few friends and the immediate family were invited. Although the crowd was not as large a fine time was had by all and the young couple received many useful presents.

*Journal Gazette ... April 3, 1915, page 4*

## LOCAL DRUM CORPS TO ESCORT DOENGES

The Jefferson drum corps will escort Adowin Doenges, who will leave Sunday morning at 9 o'clock to walk to the Pacific coast to the west city limits. Members of the drum corps will appear in full uniform and will be headed by E. T. Drew, the captain. Mr. Doenges is a member of the organization.

*Journal Gazette, April 3, 1915*

## GYPSY ARMY WAS ROUTED

### Deputy Sheriff Huguenard Single Handed Defeats Strong Force.

This morning complaints began to pour into the sheriff's office to the effect that a large party of Gypsies had encamped three miles east of the city near the overhead bridge, on the Wabash, and were giving the farmers in the neighborhood no end of trouble. Deputy Sheriff Huguenard was commissioned to attend to the case, and after girding up his loins, started for the camp on the run. Arrived there, he found a large party of nomads with thirty wagons and over 100 horses. The camp was filled with plunder in the form of vegetables, grain and chickens, and for awhile the leaders defiantly glared at the representative of the law. They were quickly convinced, however, that no hesitancy would be tolerated, and with considerable grumbling took up the march for the county line. They were escorted this far by the officer and dismissed from custody as they swept over the border with hoots, curses and reviling. It was as tough as a lot of thugs as ever struck Allen county, and the officers are trusting that no return visit will be made.

*Ft. Wayne News, July 6, 1905*

From the Journal Gazette, February 1, 1915, page 4.

**BESANÇON NEWS ...** The school building and the sister's residence of the Catholic church at Besançon burned to the ground Thursday evening. The fire started about 7:30 from an unknown cause. The fire was first seen by the sisters who immediately called Father Louen, who entered the building and could not see any fire or smoke, but in an instant the whole school was on fire. Seeing the fire, a large crowd soon gathered, but nothing could be done to save the school. When the fire began to leap across the driveway between the school and the sisters residence, the people began to try and save the house furniture, which was nearly destroyed. About a hundred children are enrolled in the Catholic school and it is thought that they will have school in the church until a new school is erected. An insurance is carried on both buildings, but the loss will exceed the insurance.

## CHURCH SOCIAL EVENTS.

### Festival at Monroeville and Play At Besançon Prove a Success

The two night's May festival given this week at Monroeville for the benefit of St. Rose Catholic church was a decided success. The same may also be said of the two nights' entertainment at Besançon for St. Louis' church. The proceeds will be expending in installing a heating system in the church. Rev. Michael P. Louen, pastor of Besançon, announces the opening of a parochial school next September.

*From the Sentinel, May 13, 1910.*

## LES FRANCAIS

### Members of the French-American Society Enjoy Picnic

The French-American society of Fort Wayne held its annual picnic Sunday afternoon at Centilvre park. A number of musical pieces were rendered during the afternoon, and a good time was enjoyed by all. The proceeds from the stands will be donated to the poor in this country and in France. The committee in charge of the affair consisted of Fred Rosselot, Charles Girardot, Charles Pion, John Lanternier, and Frank Joly. Harry Rosselot, son of Fred Rosselot, president of the society, is making a handsome banner which he expects to donate to the society.

*Fort Wayne News, July 28, 1913*

*Continued from page one ... Who is Grévin ?*

The names of these couples, almost all residents of Jefferson Township, are linked to St. Louis, Besançon in other church records. Earlier marriages by Grévin appear to be St. Vincent's parishioners ; Ferdinand Eme to Josephine Parnin 18 Feb 1860, Frank Bernardine to Clarissa Bellow 20 Mar 1860, Paul Guif to Francis Grivet 28 May 1860, Francis Gladio to Mary Lomont 21 Aug 1860, Adolph Parnin to Marie Hugenard 18 Aug 1860, Arsene Sordelet to Rosalie Nickerson 1 Nov 1860, Louis Lacroix to Mary Martin 9 Mar 1861.

A history of the diocese of Fort Wayne states that from 1859 until September 1861, Rev. Grévin, residing at St. Vincent's had charge of New Haven. He performed baptisms at St. Vincent's as pastor from 1860 to 1861. Louis Grévin, age 52 and born in France, resided in St. Joseph's Township in 1860. His occupation was Priest, R. Catholic. Father Grévin was appointed the first resident pastor of St. Louis Besançon in 1861. Here he built the first priest's house, a modest cottage, costing only a few hundred dollars. His immediate successor was Rev. J. C. Carrier, C.S.C. from April to November, 1866. Apparently, Father Louis Grévin was pastor at St. Louis from 1861 until April 1866. Church records signed by Rev. Louis Grévin have been difficult if not impossible to find, but by using county records and histories, a small piece of the puzzle was found. I am satisfied that my great-grandparents were married by Father Louis Grévin at St. Louis Besançon Catholic Church.

Curiosity let to further research. The ship *Splendid* arrived in New York on 7 May 1855 having departed from Le Harve, France. Passenger #193 was Louis Grévin, age 49 of France. His occupation is not listed, but could this be Rev. Louis Grévin coming to America to attend the French Catholic parishes of Allen county, Indiana?

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Louis Francis Grévin declared his intention to become a United States citizen on 6 November 1860 in Allen county, Indiana. He was 50 years old, a native of France, having left La Harve and arrived in New York on 25 April 1854. Even though the dates are not exact, could this be the same man?

What happened to Father Louis Grévin?  
Did he transfer to another parish  
Or did he die?

**TAYLOR - TOWNSEND**

The home of Mrs. Caleb Townsend, near Zulu, was the scene of a beautiful wedding when her only child and daughter, Amanda, was married to Mr. William Taylor, a son of Mr. O. L. Taylor. Rev H. E. Ziemer, pastor of the Lutheran church, officiated at the marriage service at high noon on Wednesday. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Henry Krick. Miss Flossie Nesbit played the wedding march, with Mr. Siebolt, violinist, accompanying. The bridesmaids were Miss Hazel Taylor, as maid of honor; Miss Velma McIntosh, as bridesmaid, and little Agnes Taylor as flower girl. The groom was attended by Mr. Clifford Nail as groomsman, and by Mr. William Marquardt as best man. Master Roy Taylor bore the wedding ring in a flower. The bride presented a beautiful appearance, her handsome gown of white satin being especially becoming. The bride's bouquet was composed of white roses and the bridesmaids held pink roses. The decorations of the home were in smilax, palms, and pink and white roses and carnations. A bountiful wedding dinner was served immediately following the exchange of felicitations. Among the wedding gifts was a check to the bride from her mother for \$500. The wedding guests included Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krick, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Krick, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McIntosh and babe. Mr. and Mrs. James Chilcote, of Van Wert, O; Mr. and Mrs. Giant, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gerardot, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gladieux, Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Zemer, and babe, Mrs. Edward Taylor, Miss Mae Simmers, Miss Agnes Nail, Vernon Brodbeck of

Decatur. The bride and groom are to make their home with her mother.

*Fort Wayne News, June 28, 1915*

**BURNS - DODANE**

St. Patrick's Catholic church was the scene of a very pretty wedding Tuesday morning, when Miss Helena Dodane became the bride of Mr. Joseph L. Burns. Rev Father Joseph F. Delaney celebrated the nuptial mass at 7 o'clock. Miss Alma Dodane attended her sister, and the groom had his cousin, Mr. James Ryan, as best man. The bride looked very sweet in a becoming gown of white crepe de chine and Georgette crepe, with a white lace hat to match, and she wore a corsage bouquet of bride's roses. The bridesmaid wore a beautiful gown of white taffeta and carried pink roses. The ceremony at the church was followed by a wedding breakfast served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dodane, 3428 Lafayette street. The house was decorated in festoons of smilax and many pink and white roses. Later in the afternoon the bride and groom left on a ten days' trip to Detroit, Niagara Falls and other eastern points, on their return will reside at 744 West Dewald street. For traveling the bride wore a suit of black taffeta made in the prevailing mode, with a hat to correspond. The groom is a machinist at the Ft. Wayne Electric works, and was recently elected president of the Mooseheart Legion in this city. Both bride and groom enjoy a large circle of friends.

Out of town guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. George Ardwin, of Detroit, Miss Helen Myers of Decatur, and the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Charles Girardot of New Haven.

*Fort Wayne News ... June 28, 1915*





## Obituaries

### JOHN BEUGNOT

News reached the city late this afternoon to the effect that the venerable Mr. John Beugnot, of New Haven, is critically ill and little or no hope is entertained for his recovery. He sustained a paralytic stroke some time ago and this trouble has been complicated with a severe attack of asthma. Dr. Clark has been attending him and today, Dr. J. S. Null was called in consultation. Mr. Beugnot is about 70 years old and was one of the pioneer stave manufactures of Indiana. He was one of the founders of the New Haven stave factory. He retired from active business a few years ago. He is a very prominent resident of Allen County.

*Ft. Wayne News ... Feb. 14, 1903*

### JAMES E. SALLOT

James F. Sallot, whose serious illness was noticed in the News last week, died early Sunday morning of paralysis. Mr. Sallot was one of the pioneer residents of the county. The deceased was born in France, October 10, 1810. In 1841 he was united in marriage to Miss. Josephine Juillard and with her immigrated to this country in 1846 settling on a farm near the present site of Robison park. The union was blessed with two children, both of whom are living. The children are Victor A. Sallot and Mrs. Mary L. Albert. In addition to the children there are nine grandchildren, his wife having proceeded him to the grave, April 17, of this year, 1898, after being burned by falling on a burning rag and died of her injuries. She was a native of France and 86 years old.

Later Mr. Sallot was engaged in the business of contracting in this city and in 1868 established a door and sash factory. Four years after this burned to the ground Mr. Sallot retired. He was a devout Catholic and a member of the Cathedral congregation. Interment will be made in the Catholic cemetery, after the funeral at the residence at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning and at 9:30 o'clock from the Cathedral.

*Ft. Wayne News ... December 5, 1898*

### LADIG

Mrs. Ladig, for many years a resident of New Haven, died at her home in that place Monday evening at the age of 75 years. Mrs. Ladig was a widow and is survived by a daughter and four sons - Mrs. John Lorain, of New Haven, Nicholas Ladig, of Jefferson township, and John, Frank and Henry Ladig, of New Haven. Funeral services Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from St. John's Catholic church in New Haven.

*Sentinel ... Sept 22, 1909*

### URBINE

Louis Urbine, a farmer of Jefferson township residing two and a half miles north of Maples was instantly killed at 6 o'clock Friday evening when he was struck by a bolt of lightning. Mr. Urbine, who is a brother to Mrs. A. C. Gladioux, of 209 W. Woodland avenue of this city, was engaged in cultivating some ground on the Charles Louding farm. He was seated on a roller, used to pack freshly plowed ground, when the storm came up.

There was little rain connected with the storm and consequently Mr. Urbine did not discontinue his work. Suddenly there was a sharp flash of lightning followed by a loud peal of thunder. Mr. Louding saw the horses run away. He hurried to the scene and found the body of Mr. Urbine on the roller.

Beside the sister and the widow he is survived by four children: Goldie, Daniel, Ida and Amiel. Mr. and Mrs. Gladiux were called to Maples at midnight Friday. The mother, Mrs. Ellen Snyder, also survives.

*News ... May 19, 1917*

### THE AMERICAN FLAG

Can be Carried in Catholic Churches at Funerals



As prefect of the Congregation of the Holy Office, Cardinal Rampolia notifies Archbishop Falconie, apostolic delegate at Washington, that no objection need be made, as has sometimes been done by Roman Catholic rectors in America, to the use of American flags in Catholic churches when placed on or near caskets at funerals. Decision on this question has been obtained, it is said, after representations covering about two years through Cardinal Gibbons. Some rectors have permitted the flags, and some have not. Confusion has resulted, and some Protestants have misunderstood. To settle the matter, notice of this decision will be sent to all Catholic rectors in the United States.

*From the Sentinel, May 20, 1911.*

### NEW PASTOR AT BESANÇON

Rev. Michael P. Louen, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Fowler, Ind., has been assigned to the pastorate of St. Louis' church, Besançon, Ind., succeeding Rev. Charles Dhe, who becomes pastor at Fowler. The new pastor at Besançon was born in Chicago, where his early studies were also received. His classical and philosophical studies were followed in France and later he made his theological studies at St. Francis' seminary, Milwaukee, Wis. He was ordained to the priesthood in Milwaukee by Archbishop Katzer on May 28, 1899. He was then appointed assistant at St. Joseph's church, Mishawaka, remaining until July 9, 1901. Other appointments following were those of pastor pro tem at St. Mary's church, Huntington; pastor of St. Vincent's church at Academie, Ind., and at Leo from September, 1901, till January 1, 1907, when he became pastor of Fowler. Father Dhe, who has already assumed the duties at Fowler, has many friends in this city and vicinity who will regret his departure but wish him well in his new field of labor.

*From The Sentinel, October 1, 1908.*

### WILL BE AN MISSIONARY.

Bishop Alerdng has made the announcement that Rev. John Noll, of Besançon, will enter missionary work, and while continuing his residence at Besançon, as assistant will be appointed to look after affairs of the parish while Father Noll is engaged in missionary duties. Father Noll delivered a series of talks to non-members of the Catholic church during Lent at the Cathedral in this city, attracting immense crowds. His appointment as a missionary was the work of his splendid work here. Father Noll is the author of two books which have gained wide circulation among Catholics. The first was written while Father Noll was stationed at Kendallville, and was entitled "Kind Words From Your Pastor," and the other was a "A Missionary in the Family".

*From The Sentinel, May 22, 1905*

### WANTED!

#### 100,000 CORDS STAVE AND HEADING BOLTS.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL PAY THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICE **IN CASH** FOR ALL STAVE AND HEADING BOLTS DELIVERED AT THEIR FACTORY AT NEW HAVEN, OR AT THEIR BRANCH ESTABLISHMENT IN FORT WAYNE. 10,000 STAVE AND HEADING BOLTS WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

SCHNELKER, BEUGNOT & CO  
NEW HAVEN, JAN. 12, 1870-D&WTF

## Obituaries

### JOHN DIGNAN

It is with deep regret that we are called upon to announce the sad and almost sudden departure of John Dignan, Esq., who departed this life at his residence near Maples, Monday, June 20, 1882, after a short but painful illness of about twelve days, surrounded by his family and friends, who were constantly at his bedside and did all in their power to alleviate his suffering, but all to no avail. The grievous hand of death that changed a joyful, happy house to a sad, mournful and sympathizing one by taking from them a kind true hearted and loving father—a father and friend that will never be forgotten by all who knew him. Mr. Dignan was a man of charity and integrity, whose heart and hand were always ready to help the poor and distressed and if he knew of any one that was in trouble, he was the first man to give assistance and encouragement.

Mr. Dignan was a native of Ireland, in which place he was born in 1817, being at the time of his death sixty-four years of age. He emigrated to this country in 1840, accompanied by his mother and three brothers, Thomas, James and Phillip. He stopped at Cleveland and lived there after which he moved to Indiana and purchased land in Jefferson township, this county, and by hard labor he cleared and improved the splendid farm on which he lived up to the time of his death. He was one of the most substantial farmers in Allen county, and left a well fixed home and everything in good condition. Mr. Dignan, in December, 1856, married, at Fort Wayne, Miss Hannah Baxter, who together with six children, survive him. The funeral took place from St. Louis Catholic church and was largely attended.

*Weekly Sentinel ... June 29, 1881*

### FRANK PARNIN

Francis Parnin, aged seventy-seven years, a retired farmer, died at 6 o'clock Thursday evening at the residence of his son, August Parnin, of Edna street. Death followed an illness of two weeks, due to complication of diseases. The de-

ceased was born in France, but came to this country in 1853. He settled on a farm in Jackson township, where he resided until three years ago, when he came to Fort Wayne. He was a member of the St. Louis Catholic church at Besançon and also of the French-American society. Surviving he leaves eight sons: Louis, of Pittsburg; Victor, August and Henry of Fort Wayne; Charles, Joseph, Herman and Arsted, of Jackson township. Fifteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Josephine Erme and Mrs. William Osier of Arcola, also survived.

*Weekly Sentinel ... September 13, 1916*

### MRS. VICTORIA LOMONT

Mrs. Victoria Lomont, wife of Alphonse Lomont, a well known farmer of Jefferson township, died Tuesday evening at St. Joseph's hospital, at the age of forty-eight years. Surviving are the husband and nine children. The remains were removed to the family residence today and funeral services will be held Thursday morning from the Catholic church at Besançon.

*Weekly Sentinel ... May 22, 1901*

### CLEOTA RUBBLE

Last Monday morning occurred the death of Miss Cleota Rubble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rubble. Miss Cleota, who was 19 years old Christmas Day, had been very ill for some time, until death came Monday. Besides the parents, a number of brothers and sisters survive. The pallbearers were the Misses Bacon, Hilda Coulardot, Gertrude Girardot, Violo Bowers, Bernardine Girardot, and Frances Pepe.

*Journal Gazette ... January 12, 1915*



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**THE VOIROL CASE**  
Justice Skelton is holding court this afternoon in the assembly room of the court house owing to the large number of witnesses in the case of the state against William Voirol, of Monroeville. He is charged with selling liquor without a license. He was defended by H. C. Hanna while H. C. Underwood looked after the state's interest. A renewal of his license had been refused Voirol owing to a successful remonstrance but it is charged that he kept open after his old license expired. William Mentzer testified to buying four bottles of beer and drinking them on the premises after the license expired. The defense set up the plea that as the new municipal code failed to provide a penalty for selling without a license, evidently by inadvertence, his client could not be held. He admitted, however, that the attorney general had given his opinion that the old law was not repealed by the new code and that it is the same old punishable offense to sell without a license. The court took the law point under advisement but heard all the evidence.  
*Fort Wayne News ... August 18, 1905*

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June

1	Citizen's State bank, int	6.45
4	H. G. Herman, shoveling snow	
5	Fred H. Gable, dog tax	182.00
10.	H. S. Coulardot, gravel	8.25
13.	T. Hathaway, ditch stakes	2.00
14.	Bird Null, labor	3.50
14.	J. W. Hullinger, strip, gravel	20.00
14.	J. W. Dawkins, strip, gravel	20.00
14.	C. J. Ternet, ditching	8.00
18.	H. G. Felger, expense com	17.00
21.	C. H. Maples, wall paper	19.00
22.	H.J. Wagner, labor	1.75
22.	W. L. Bacon, labor	1.00
22.	C. E. Behrs, repairs	2.75
23.	A. Lomont, staking ditches	4.00
29.	F. E. Lomont, trustee serv	30.00

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