



## THE BACON FAMILY OF JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP, ALLEN COUNTY, INDIANA

Long standing member of the historical society **MICHAEL T. BIESIAD** shares this history of his ancestors. It covers over 200 years, with great detail to dates and events. How fortunate he is to have this information. He quotes: **"Socrates is my great-great-great grandfather. My grandmother was a Bacon: Ella Bacon."** *"By 1887, they added two more children to their household but made a decision to follow Theresa's parents, Peter and Christina Coonrod, to Ennis County Texas. Their daughter Ella was born while they were in the Lone Star State."*

The patriarch of the Bacon family of Allen County Indiana was Socrates Bonaparte Bacon. Socrates was born on March 1, 1807 while the Napoleonic Wars raged in Europe. His father, Ephraim, must have been an admirer of Napoleon and assigned the French Emperor's surname as his son's middle name. Ephraim and his wife Lucy (Chamberlain) Bacon were living in Charlton, Massachusetts at the time of Socrates' birth. Ephraim was born in 1776 and Lucy in 1782 both in Massachusetts. The ancestors of the Bacon family were Puritans and immigrated to New England from County Suffolk, England in 1630.

After Socrates' birth in 1807, Ephraim traveled with his brother Samuel to the frontier in Maine and helped clear land for the establishment of the new community of Foxcroft. In August of that year, Lucy Bacon and her daughters, Lucy (b.1802) and Cendarilla (b.1805) plus little Socrates, along with several other families, made the journey to Maine to join the men folk.

Ephraim's brother Samuel would return to Massachusetts later in 1807, resumed his studies and graduated from Harvard. After college, he managed a newspaper, established a school in York County Pennsylvania and was asked to act as headmaster at York College. During the War of 1812, he received a commission as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. After the war he married Anna Barnitz and finished his study of law being admitted to the Pennsylvania bar in 1815. They would have one son, Jacob, but Anna died not long after the birth. Sam's final vocation, that of an Episcopal minister, and his efforts as a leader in the abolitionist movement, would earn him recognition in Washington. Soon he was appointed to the position of Principal Agent of the American Government for persons liberated from slave ships under the auspices of the American Colonization Society. Reverend Bacon would lead a group of freed slaves on a ship back to Africa. When they settled on an island off the coast of Sierra Leone, conditions were desperate and yellow fever swept through their ranks. Sam died of the illness on May 2, 1820 at Cape Shilling.

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## The President's Message ...

The restoration of the old cemetery has begun! Plans were made this summer with Mike Gaskill who is a member of the American Legion. He has been restoring cemeteries and gave tips on organizing the work at Besancon. Julie Nolan put a team together to go to the Monroeville area to watch the American Legion at work on a cemetery. Another new member Ann Mensch has attended two sessions on cemetery restoration. She gave us detailed instructions on supplies, cleaning and setting tombstones.

The first to start on the tombstones was Eileen Sarrazine, her husband Douglas and Ann Mensch. They took a day in August to set two Bowers tombstones upright and to clean them. On September 11 a large crew gave up their Saturday morning to be at the cemetery. They are Julie Nolan, Gene Yoquelet, Brent and Jacob VanHorn, Betty Pequignot, Jan Kneuve, Jodi Meyers, Norb Sarrazine, Mick Lomont, Ann Mensch and Barb Gorney. About 5 tombstones were unearthed and set up. Some tombstones were cleaned. Markers for the rows were located.

September 19 saw Arlene and Bob Curts using the metal detector to locate more grid markers. Barb Gorney cleaned four stones.

September 25 Steve and Ann Mensch with their sons Keven and Brendan, nephew- Charles Mensch and a friend Joe Stewart leveled six tombstones and reset one.

September 26 Barb Gorney worked on finding the grids behind the church.

October 3 Barb Gorney finished finding all the markers except #39 which is by the mound.

If there is good weather the rest of this year, I hope to keep working on the stones. Otherwise the restoration process will be continued in the spring. All are welcome to help. E-mail me to find out dates.

Joyce Lomont-Crowl and her friend have done a terrific job with the obits in Steuben County. Please note her paragraph concerning this venture.

Queries are still coming by e-mail. One recent one was from a Ryan Gladieux whose father was born in Fort Wayne, Ryan is presently working in Italy for an American Company and wanted to know the towns in France the Gladieuxs originated. He is planning a trip to Besancon area with his parents. Also Mr. Jan Girardot took his wife and 2 children to Europe. They spent five days around Besancon and met the family of Jean Girardot whose great, great grandfather was the brother of Jan's great great grandfather. More on his trip in future issues.

*Wishing all Happy Holidays!!*

*Barbara*

MISSION OF  
THE BESANÇON HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

ARTICLE 11 - SECTION 2

The mission of the Besançon Historical Society of East Allen county, Indiana is to preserve, interpret and foster a deeper understanding of the history, heritage, and other 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:*

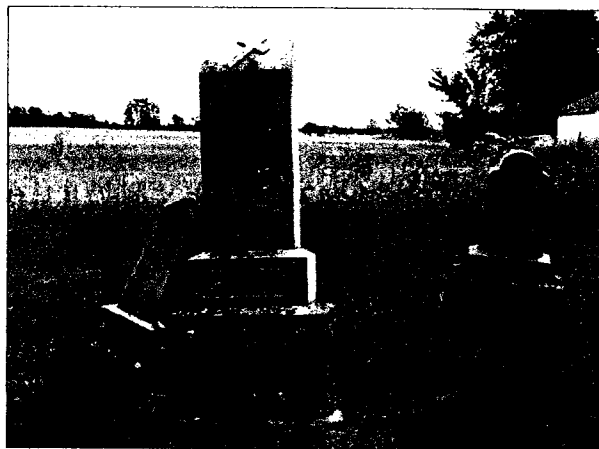
Charles E. Keys, 2929 E. Main St., Lot 138, Mesa, AZ 85213, cekeys@q.com ... whose great-great grandfather was Louis Voirol.

Donald F. Didier, 1044 E. State Blvd., Ft. Wayne, IN. 46805 ... whose father was Clement August Didier, and whose grandmother was Mary Jane Roussey.

Ann McRodan Mensch, 8215 Medicine Bow Run, Ft. Wayne, IN. 46825 ... whose expertise and help this past summer with the restoration of the stones at the Old Cemetery is so appreciated! Ann is a Professional Historical Genealogist. That means she takes an academic history approach to research genealogy. She believes, and I quote: “ *I believe that genealogy research is actually historical research of ONE - the history of one person, one family, one geographic area, one ethnic group, etc.* ”

“During research across the United States, I have been saddened to see the condition of many of the cemeteries and gravestones. Many gravestones are damaged due to weathering, storms, lack of upkeep and vandalism. Often people do not realize that a gravestone may be the only remaining piece of evidence that a person once existed. (In Indiana, birth and death records were not maintained until about 1882.) Since I wanted to be able to do something to improve this plight, I have attended and participated in both the beginning and advanced Cemetery Preservation Workshops which are conducted through the joint efforts of the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, in Indianapolis. These workshops are highly recommended to learn the current techniques for cleaning, leveling, and repairing gravestones. My sister, Eileen (nee McRodan) Sarrazine, wife of Douglas Sarrazine, graciously attended the advanced workshop with me.

Eileen and I have been helping two of her daughters, Danielle and Andrea, to research their family history for a 4-H project, and we discovered that several of their father's SARRAZINE and BOWERS ancestors were members of St. Louis Catholic Church, at Besançon. While researching at the St. Louis Cemetery, we became concerned by the condition of many of the gravestones in the old cemetery. When the Besançon Historical Society proposed a cemetery restoration project, we were delighted! We really wanted to help with this wonderful project! “



Another ‘before and after’ photograph of the work that went on this summer at the old cemetery at Besançon.



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## Restoration Begins In Old Cemetery

What a joy it has been to spend time in the old Besançon Cemetery. I attend Besançon, so I'm there often but to actually take time to be in the cemetery working, looking and discovering, it is like reading a good book that holds your interest.

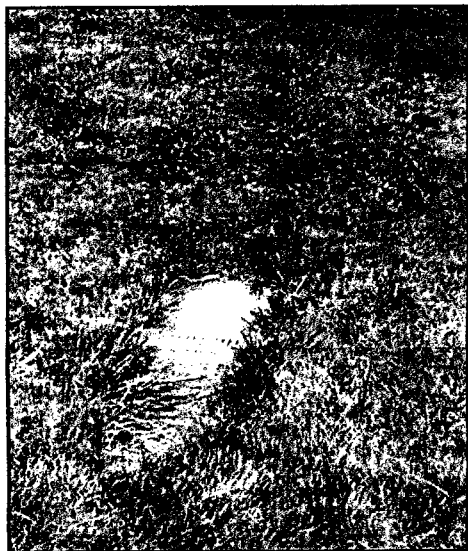
A few weeks ago we had a little field trip to the IOOF cemetery in Monroeville. The American Legion Post 420 from Monroeville has been restoring cemeteries in the area for a number of years. Their group works each Sunday at 10:00 to save and repair the monuments and markers. A number of we volunteers shadowed their work and were amazed at the impact their work makes. The work is physical, that plus their true commitment to this valiant effort is so admirable. One morning of watching them and you're impacted for a lifetime.

We are lucky to also have Mrs. Ann Mensch as a member of our Besançon Historical Society. Ann is trained by the state of Indiana in Cemetery restoration and her knowledge of cleaning and restoration procedures is priceless. On Saturday, September 12th we cleaned a number of stones directly behind the church, most being members of the Gerardot and Ryan families.

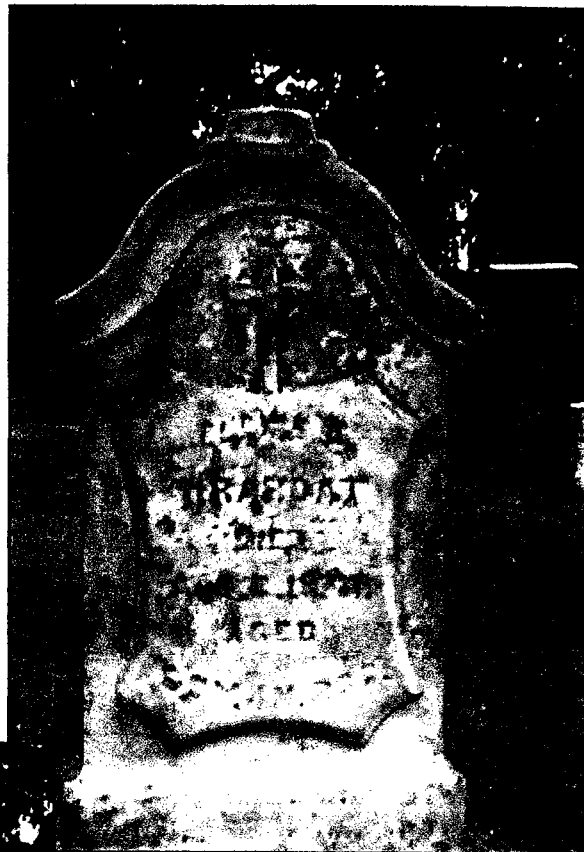
My Mother and two of my sisters were there to help, so cleaning our family stones gave us a chance to honor our ancestors. As we cleaned, another group of volunteers pulled stones that had gone beneath ground level back to an upright position. Completely by chance, volunteers saw a stone that was showing about the size of a paper plate thru the grass. After considerable digging, they brought the stone and the support structure - it was my Great Great Great Grandfather Alexis Gerardot - who went to be with our Lord in 1878.

My Granddaughter is also named Alexis ( picture attached ), our little Alexis Ann Bremer is the eight generation of our family at Besançon, unless I can figure out if Xavier Gerardot ( the first Alexis' ) father, ever attended our little church, in which case she'd be ninth generation.

The restoration will continue next Spring, we've created some great interest and expect additional hands then. ... *Julie Pequignot Nolan.*



*HIDDEN STONE*



*STONE UPRIGHTED*



*ALEXIS A. BREMER  
8th Generation of Gerardot  
Family at Besançon*

*The Bacon Family continued from page 1.*

Ephraim chose to continue his brother Samuel's work in the American Colonization Society and moved to Philadelphia by 1822 after he was widowed and had remarried. Meanwhile, Socrates and his sister Cendarilla would grow up in Maine spending part of their time under the roof of their maternal grandparents, Eliakim and Anna (Stow) Chamberlain. The Chamberlains had also settled in Foxcroft. Eliakim was born in 1753 and Anna in 1762.

In his late teens, Socrates found himself in Philadelphia probably staying with his father and his father's second wife, Charlotte Ellis. Cendarilla stayed behind in Maine with her grandparents. Earlier in Philadelphia, the family of William Earp, including Ann, age 16, and six siblings with their mother Sarah, disembarked from the good ship *Halcyon* at the dock on October 10, 1820. Ann's father and brother Charles arrived earlier to provide accommodations for the family. The Earps hailed from the city of Nottingham, England. In Philadelphia, Ann Earp would meet Socrates and they began to court. They were married at Philadelphia's Second Baptist Church on March 26, 1826.

On September 15, 1827, Ann gave birth to their first child. She was given her mother's name of Ann. By 1831 Socrates had moved his young family west to Bardstown, Pennsylvania where their eldest son, Charles, was born. On October 10, 1834, their son Samuel Bacon was born after the family arrived in Detroit, Michigan. Sam was undoubtedly named for his father's uncle, the Reverend Samuel Bacon. In 1837, the family was living in Lucas County Ohio where their daughter Amanda was born.

In 1838 Socrates brought his family to Allen County Indiana purchasing 160 acres of land south-east of the town of New Haven on what is now the

Fackler Road. From Lucas County Ohio, the family most likely entered Indiana on the Wabash and Erie Canal that paralleled the Maumee River. It was a particularly harsh time to be entering Indiana for the state was suffering the effects of a drought that lasted through the Christmas of 1838. The rivers shrank so low that supplies could not be moved. The harvest that year was almost a total loss.

Socrates set out to clear the land and build a home for his family. In 1840 he joined with his neighbors to organize Jefferson Township, Allen County Indiana. His acreage became part of this new division.

Meanwhile in the State of Maine, Socrates grandmother, Anna Chamberlain, had passed away in January of 1840. At the end of Anna's life, Socrates' sister, Cendarilla, had seen to her grandmother's care. Cendarilla also married an immigrant from England. His name was William Armitage (born August 21, 1797). With the inheritance from her Grandma Chamberlain, Cendarilla and William purchased land just east of Socrates' acreage. It adjoined what would become Tillman Road in Jefferson Township.

In 1841 Ann and Socrates had their first child in Indiana and he was named John. Socrates built the "Bacon" schoolhouse on his farm so that his children, as well as the neighbors', might receive an education. Their daughter Adeline was born on December 28, 1843 and Laura in 1846. Their youngest, Lucy M. Bacon arrived on September 18, 1850. Also in 1850, Socrates established Jefferson Township's first post office at his home on Fackler Road.

The 1850 census listed Socrates and Ann with 7 children at home and also listed the children's places of birth: Charles, 19, Pennsylvania; Sam, 16, Michigan; Amanda, 13, Ohio; John, 9; Adeline, 6; Laura, 4; and Lucy, 1 month all in Indiana.

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Their daughter Ann, 23, had married Earl Adams on March 22, 1846 and they settled on the Van Wert Road (later US 30) in Adams Township to the west. Earl was born in Rochester, New York on October 5, 1822. Ann died on October 9, 1884. Earl would live to be 79 and died on December 18, 1901. They are both buried in the IOOF Cemetery in New Haven.

On May 16, 1857 Socrates deeded the site of the Bacon Schoolhouse (six square rods) to the trustees of Jefferson Township in consideration of \$1.00. Socrates would expand his holdings to over 200 acres purchasing adjoining land in the south half of the northeast quarter of section 28.

Socrates' daughter Amanda would marry her cousin Charles Earp and they would take up residence in Livingston County Illinois. Daughter Adeline never married and taught school most of her life. She and her younger sister Lucy would run a cancer clinic in Fort Wayne. Adeline, herself, would die of cancer on April 15, 1908. Socrates and Anne's daughter Laura passed away at the age of 16 and was buried in the family plot. Lucy married Milton Thompson in 1874 and they moved to Fort Wayne in 1889. She died on October 3, 1904 and was also buried in family plot.

Joining other French settlers in the nearby community of Besancon, the family of Alexis and Marie (Rivard) Girardot (Gerardot) arrived in 1853. Alexis was born in France on June 7, 1809. Marie was born in France about 1800. Their daughter Jane (Virginie) was born in Stark County Ohio on August 3, 1832. Not long after her arrival in Jefferson Township, Jane met Samuel, Socrates and Ann's son. The Girardots settled on land in Section 34 south of the Bacons. Sam took a fancy to Jane and they began keeping company. Sam and Jane were married on

November 25, 1854 probably at St. Louis Catholic Church in Besancon. On February 20, 1855, their first baby was born, Charles Samuel. He may have been named for Socrates and Anne's oldest son, Charles who with his wife Clara migrated to Ventura County California.

In June of 1857, Sam and Jane had another son they called William. Their son Louis, was born February 16, 1858. Later in 1858 Socrates turned over the running of the farm to his son Samuel. Sam and Jane and the three boys moved into the homestead on Fackler Road and took over the farming operations. Socrates also disposed of his acreage in section 27 of Jefferson Township and he and Ann set up house-keeping in neighboring New Haven, Indiana. There, Socrates platted Bacon's Addition to the town which lay along Green Street at the corner of Summit. Socrates also opened a tin shop in New Haven and dealt in hardware, stoves and tin ware.

Back on the Bacon homestead, Jane Bacon gave birth to her fourth son, John J. Bacon on May 1, 1859. Baby John was undoubtedly named for Sam's younger brother. On April 12, 1861, Fort Sumter was fired upon and the nation was plunged into civil war. On the Bacon farm, Jane had two very sick children and the outbreak of war only added to her worries. On April 16, 1861, little John died and two days later, Sam and Jane lost their son William. Both children were buried at Besancon.

Socrates' son John enlisted in the army and earned the rank of Captain. After the war, he and his wife Eliza headed west and settled in Baker City, Oregon where they raised several children. He died on June 6, 1914.

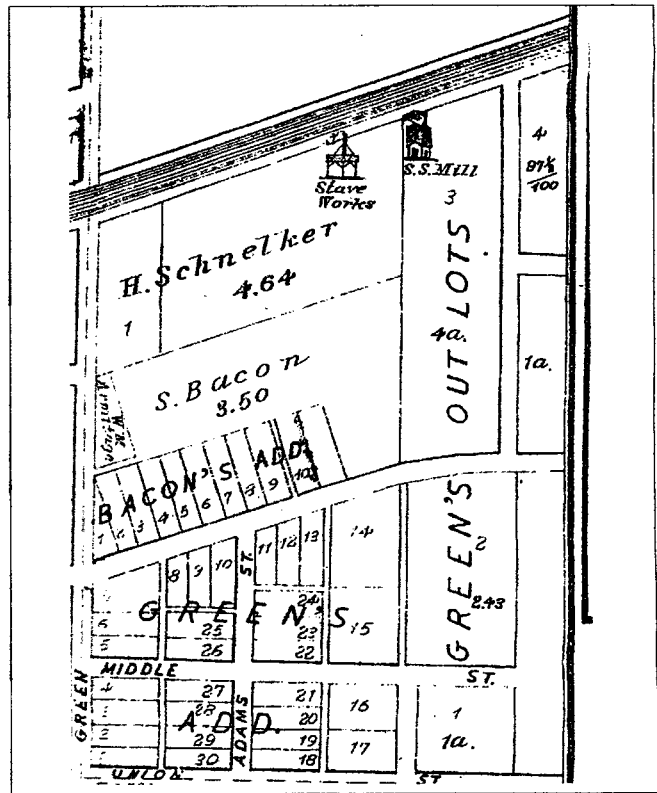
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Socrates' son Sam would enlist in the 91<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Indiana Volunteers in 1864. He marched with his regiment to Indianapolis and was stationed at Camp Carrington.

In December Sam fell ill with the measles. His health continued to fail and it was feared that he might die. In spite of his illness he was promoted to corporal. Sam was granted a furlough and Socrates drove his wagon to Indianapolis to carry his son back to Allen County. With the loving care of his family, Sam slowly regained his health but complications from the measles would affect both his hearing and his speech thereafter.

In March of 1865, Sam rejoined his regiment then stationed in North Carolina but in April the war came to a welcomed end. Sam was mustered out of his unit on August 31 and returned to Allen County early in September. When he arrived, Jane presented him with their first daughter whom she had named Mary Louise. Mary was born on August 1, 1865.

**\* TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE \***



Socrates Addition can be seen in this map of the eastern part of New Haven, Indiana from the History of Allen County, 1880

Data Base of Thousands ...

As a member of the Fremont Historical Society, of Fremont, Indiana, a friend and I unwittingly took on the job of entering thousands of clipped obits from the old Fremont library that had been saved at a auction for the paltry price of one dollar (\$1). Going back to 1900 with earliest death date and the earliest date of birth was in the year 1822 we knew we had a 'gold mine' for the society. So far, we have entered over 6500 obits for only those buried in Steuben county's 46 cemeteries. This are now available for research. We also, brought back bags and boxes to our winter home, still to be entered. These are obituaries that pertain to Steu-ben county, with a great many of them reflecting Allen county connections, with burials in the Catholic ceme-tery, IOOF, Lindenwood etc. Contact: Fremont Historical Society, PO BOX 509, Fremont, IN. 46737.



## THE ALLEN AND GLADYS LOMONT FAMILY REUNION

On the picture-perfect weekend of August 1, 2009, over 100 family members of the late Allen and Gladys Lomont met in New Haven (Besancon) for a grand family reunion! The three day event brought joy and laughter to all who attended from near and far. Four out of five of the siblings and spouses, 20 of 22 grandchildren, and 53 of 57 great-grandchildren, plus the delightful daughter and family of Annette's husband, were in attendance which was no small feat since we are spread from coast to coast! The guests started arriving on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from California, Kansas, Florida, Pennsylvania, Washington D.C., Connecticut, and Illinois, plus numerous cities in Indiana.

Friday was spent at Mick and Jane's pond , touring downtown Fort Wayne, seeing the new TinCaps Stadium, Coney Island, the Zoo, and other highlights, and renewing family bonds. That night about 85 gathered back at the pond for a fish fry, swimming, canoeing, the adventurous zip-line, paddle-boating, fishing and visiting.

More family arrived Saturday and the day involved many activities; of course the pond was a big attraction, plus a delightful tour of the Amish countryside, seeing Grandma's room at the Historical Society, and some of the out-of-town relatives touring around the area to see where everyone lived.

Most of the family gathered at St. Louis Besancon for the 4:00 Mass then drove to the Monroeville Pavilion for a delicious catered dinner from Rack

and Helen's. The pavilion was beautifully decorated with a pink and purple theme, a table full of family pictures, fresh flowers, purple folders with an updated Lomont Family Descendants list and even purple "green bags" with "Lomont Reunion" printed on it for everyone to carry their treasures home.

The park offered many delights for old and young alike, the ball diamond, tennis courts, children's games, and a jumpy tent, all proved to keep everyone entertained. A trivia contest between the families was probably the most competitive highlight of the evening. (wonderful questions had been submitted by anyone who wanted to share family "secrets".) A lot of reminiscing and discussion took place during that event!

We also celebrated Mick's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday plus about 14 other family members who had birthdays and anniversaries in a two week period before and after the reunion. It seemed that nobody wanted the evening to end. A small gathering on Sunday to see family members leaving from the Holiday Inn and many of the nieces and nephews back to the pond for the afternoon culminated a special time together for the Lomont's.

*We humbly thank Allen and Gladys for instilling in their children strong family ties and the importance of keeping the family alive. The reunion was a joyous celebration of their lives and values.*

Editor's note: . What a tribute to Allen and Gladys! Jane and Ellen sent a wonderful picture of all the families attending ... I just was not able to print it in this edition of the Chronicles.



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

The following news items ran in the Journal Gazette from Feb 9, 1913 through Feb 17, 1913. .... Tuesday morning at St. Louis church at Besançon, occurred the marriage of **Mr. John Girardot**, son of the late Chas Girardot and **Miss. Ada Farra**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Farra. Both young people are widely and respectably known and their many friends wish them a most happy future. They will reside on the groom's farm in Jefferson township. ... Sunday being the second of February was Candlemas Day, but owing to the fact that it fell on Sunday, Candlemas was transferred to Monday, but the blessing of throats was observed immediately after low mass Rev. M. P. Lowen officiating. .... **Mr. C. G. Wiese** and son were busily engaged in hauling stones from the **Alfred Yoquelet** farm near New Haven. ... **Mr. George Linden**, who resides about one and one half mile east of New Haven on the Canal road was very painfully injured Wednesday in New Haven. He is suffering with a broken leg. The accident occurred in the T. J. Finan saloon. He was removed from the saloon to the town hall. Dr. G. G. Brudi was summoned and dress the injured limb he was then removed to his home. ... Messer's **Arthur Oberly**, **Emili Comment**, **Henry Ruelle**, **Clement Girardot** and **Lester Frane** were the parties hired to do the hauling of the ice for **Henry Girardot** at Zulu. They hauled a fine bunch and Mr. Girardot will have cool ice to hand out to his patrons next summer. ... **Mr. Arthur Girardot** has been assisting **Mr. Frank Lothamer** to haul corn to the Tillman elevator the past week. .... **Mr. Frank Oberley** has been engaged in making some repairs on the Townly elevator. .... **Mr. N. A. Coulardot** was very busy and had a large force out in assisting with the putting up of his ice. Mr. Coulardot put up some fine ice this season and will be ready for the coming hot weather in which to handle butter. .... **Mr. Louis Venderly** spent some time Friday calling on relatives in Zulu. .... Several of our citizens attended the **Nathan Spaulding** sale near Monroeville Saturday. Among them, were **Mr. Frank Oberley** and son, **Arthur**, who purchased a fine horse. .... **Master Manford Lomont**, the little son of **Mr.**

**and Mrs. Frank Lomont**, trustee of Jefferson township, was fortunate enough to have the lucky number to draw the chocolate set at the St. Louis' Besançon hall social. The other premiums went out to the congregation. .... **Mr. James Perl** and family, who for several years has lived on the Martin and Fitch farm, will move on his own farm one mile south of Tillman Station in the near future. ... **Mr. Joseph Begue**, of near Besançon was out canvassing fruit trees in our vicinity Monday. ... **Mr. Eugene Bonjour** and **Frank Oberly** attended the Jay Chapman hog sale near Woodburn Monday. ... **Miss Rose Lomont** returned Monday from Trumbull county, Ohio, after helping her brother and his family to move. **Miss Lomont** also visited with her sister and husband, **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maire**. .... **Little Miss Mildred Monot** was unable to attend school Monday on account of being ill. .... The many friends of **Frank Roussey** will be pleased to learn that he has so far recovered as to be able to ride out and attend to little chores about the premises. ... **Mr. Leslie Ternet** was nursing a boil on his face for the last week which was not a very pleasant affair, as he had taken cold with it and rendered him very ill. .... **Miss Edna Monnot** spent Thursday night at the home of her schoolmate, **Miss Mildred Perl**. ... A farewell party was given at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. George Yoquelet** in honor of the host and hostess who, with their family, will move on a farm near Roanoke. ... The chief excitement of last Friday at Tillman's Station was the shooting of clay pigeons. ... The Vanhorn sale last Thursday was largely attended by both ladies and gentlemen, as they sold household goods and poultry as well as farming implements, which made it interesting as well for the ladies. Everything went for a fair price. **Mrs. Vanhorn** who lately lost her husband by a sudden death, will make her home among her children for the future. .... **Mrs. Josephine Townsend** spent Thursday assisting her daughter, **Mrs. Charles Ternet** with the making of some quilts.

## DEATH NOTICES

### SAVIO

*Ft. Wayne News, Nov 25, 1913* .... Mrs. Hana Savio, aged 64, is dead at her home in Jefferson township. One daughter, three grandchildren and one great grandchild survive.

### RORICK

*News and Sentinel, Jan. 11, 1918* .... William J. Rorick, a resident of Jefferson township, this county, for the past fifty-two years and one of the best known farmers in the county, died late yesterday, at the family home at the age of 66 years and 6 months. Mr. Rorick was born in Essio county, NJ, July 17, 1851, and when fourteen years old came to Allen county, with his parents, residing in Jefferson township ever since. He was married to Miss Mary Sordelet thirty-nine years ago and was a member of the St. Louis Catholic church at Besançon. Those who survive include the widow and the following children: Mrs. Edward Lomont and Mrs. Joseph Converset, both of Jefferson township; Nathan Rorick, of Poe; Justin, Clement, Rose and Gertrude, residing at home, and Frank W. Rorick, a member of Battery B, 150th U. S. Field Artillery, with the Rainbow division, somewhere in France. In addition to eighteen grandchildren, a brother, John Rorick; two sisters, Mrs. Louis Sweeney, of Jefferson township, and Mrs. Elizabeth Droz, of Ft Wayne, also survive. Service at St. Louis, followed by interment in the church cemetery. Friends kindly are asked to omit flowers.

### BARDEY

*Ft Wayne Sentinel, Feb 3, 1902* ... Frank Bardey, for many years a resident of Jackson township, and one of the prominent farmers of Allen county, died at 7:30 o'clock Sunday morning at the advanced age of 74 years. Death was due to an attack of pneumonia, which at his advanced age the patient was unable to withstand. Mr. Bardey was a native of France, but had resided in Allen county many years. He was formerly assessor of his township and was widely known. Surviving are the widow and five children. These are Stephen, of Buffalo, NY; Frank, residing in this city, Joseph, at the old homestead,

and Mrs. Mary Voirol and Mrs. Jennie Maldinare, both of Jackson township. The funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, from the Catholic church at Besançon.

### MOUREY

*Ft Wayne Sentinel, Nov. 21, 1917* ... Paul Mourey, aged 90, a retired farmer, died Tuesday afternoon at his home fifteen miles east of the city on the Howe road. He had lived in Allen county for sixty years and was the oldest member of the St. Louis Catholic church at Besançon. His death was due to senility. The deceased was born in France in 1827 and came to America and Allen county in 1827 with his parents. He had been married twice but both wives have preceded him in death. Surviving are one son, Ray, living at the family home, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

### DODANE

*Ft Wayne Sentinel, Nov 21, 1917* ... Edith Helen Dodane, one year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dodane, living four miles east of Ft Wayne, on the Lincoln highway, died Saturday morning, at her home, following a week's illness. Surviving are the parents and the following sisters and brothers: Hilda, Howard, Lavonne, Elmer, Norbert and Mary Dodane, all residing at the family home. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the St. Andrew's Catholic church.



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The Besançon Historical Society  
Calendar for 2010

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

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Barb Gorney (260) 490-6725

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To make an appointment

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



The headstones of Malena, wife of L. Jacquay,  
and Julian, son of J. & M. Roy are a 'before' and  
'after' of the work done by the Mensch family at  
Besançon this past summer.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Payable, first of January

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Send check attn:

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Ann Mensch, along with her husband, Steve, and  
sons, Kevan and Brendan, nephew, Charlie and  
family friend, Joe all worked together to level six  
gravestones and re-stand one other.

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