

Besançon Historical Society The Chronicles ...

The year of the Census ... A valuable resource for Genealogists.

This 2010 Census poster was used to raise awareness among American Indian communities this past March, and the U.S. Postal Service delivered questionnaires to every household on their route in time for "Census Day," April 1, 2010. The census is required by Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution. Since the first census in 1790, conducting an accurate count of the people living in the United States has been the foundation for our nation's representative government. It has been and will continue to be one of genealogists most valuable tools in their search for family history. Here are a few facts:



- The first census began more than a year after the inauguration of President George Washington. At its conclusion, the U.S. population totaled approximately 3.9 million and the largest cities were New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; and Boston, MA.
- Following the abolition of slavery in 1865, ex-slaves were named in the 1870 census for the first time. Before then, they were simply recorded numerically by age.
- The 1900 census included Hawaii (annexed in 1898) for the first time. Census takers counted approximately 154,001 inhabitants on the islands.
- The 1940 census collected information about the population and its housing. It was also the first decennial census to use advanced statistical sampling techniques. Sampling allowed the addition of a number of demographic questions without unduly increasing the overall burden on respondents and data processing.
- Census 2000 incorporated a \$167 million advertising campaign to reach every person living in the United States. This advertising contributed to a reversal in the decline of response rates experienced since the 1970 census.

("The Valley of the Upper Maumee River" published in 1889 tells us it is believed the first permanent settlement with the limits of Jefferson township was made by Jared Whitney and his family in May 1833. Families to follow were Wolf, Grunauer, Blackmore, Henderson, Rogers, Powers, Castleman (in 1835 or 1836) and in May, of 1851 the village of Besançon was platted by Peter F. Beugnot.)

The 1840 census asked these questions: Name of head of family, Address, Number of free white males and females in five-year age groups to age 20, in 10-year age groups from 20 to 100, 100 years and older, number of slaves and free colored persons in six age groups, number of deaf and dumb, number of blind, number of insane and idiotic in public or private charge, number of persons in each family employed in seven classes of occupation, number of schools and number of scholars, number of white persons over 20 who could not read and write, and number of pensioners for Revolutionary or military .

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President's Message ... Barbara Gorney

The 1790 Census

Another 10 years have passed and it is time to fill out the census questionnaire. I hope everyone took the time for this task since a genealogist always is interested in this information. In the United States, the census began solely as a political tool to guarantee that the states be proportionately represented in Congress.

The word census comes from the French verb for "to assess." The practice of counting people comes from the Roman head count and property evaluation that occurred every five years.

The first enumeration began on Monday, August 2, 1790, a little over a year after the inauguration of President Washington and shortly before the second session of Congress ended.

Congress assigned the census taking to marshals of the U.S. judicial districts under an act that governed census-taking through 1840. The law required that every household be visited and the completed census schedules be posted in two public places within each jurisdiction.

The six inquiries in 1790 called for the name of the head of household and number of persons in each household of the following descriptions: free white males of 16 years and upward (to assess the country's industrial and military potential), free white males under 16 years, free white females, all other free persons (by sex and color), and slaves.

In the first census in 1790 3.9 million people were counted by 16 United States marshals and 650 assistants. Among the count, 694,000 were slaves and 59,000 were "free Negroes." Indians, except the relatively few who were taxed, were not tallied at all. Families were made up of an average of six people.

Among whites whose nationality could be determined, more than eight in ten traced their origins to England. There were fewer than ten people per square mile, although population density varied enormously. Only the head of house was named in the 1790 census.

After 1850 the census helped put families together by name and age and state of birth. By using Ancestry census records, families can be found in minutes now. In previous years, microfilm was available and that could take hours for one family! Sometimes people are not in the census.

In the 1920 census my father was eight years old and was not found with his parents or grandparents. Whenever the census taker came around and said "who is living here?" My dad was missed because he happened to be visiting elsewhere. It depends on how the question was worded, what month they did a district, and who provided the information.

I hope everyone has a great summer.
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 ...



Thank You to Margaret Venderley for filing all her past issues of the Chronicles at the Cathedral Museum.
Thank You to Audrey Jean Roy for your generous donation to the society,
Thank You to John and Roseann Schreiber for their donation to the library,
Thank You to Lois Ternet and family for their generous donation to the library fund in memory of their father Leonard Gerardot .

Welcome New Member: Jan Girardot, 830 Lincoln Ave., Glenwood Springs, CO. 81601 . To Email him: the address is: janandpat@sopris.net

And now Dear Friends, this issue of the Chronicles will be my last as the 'editor'. It has been a privilege to be a part of this publication, and it has given me such a wonderful chance to meet so many friends and relatives! The time has come for me to step down and let some one else with new ideas and ways bring you the Chronicles. I Thank You for the Opportunity !! Joyce Lomont-Crowl



From the files of Gladys Lomont
 MONROEVILLE NEWS 24 AUGUST 1977
 1928 ZULU BASKETBALL TEAM ... The game was played on roller skates!
 Left to Right: Narcis Stephen Coulardot, George Moore, Ray Lennington,
 Marvin Venderly, Adrian Girardot, Henry Girardot (owner of the Zulu Tavern).

Pupils

BACON SCHOOL District No 8 Jefferson Township, Allen county, Indiana

Term 1905—1906

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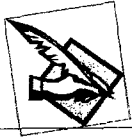
School booklets with information such as this was given out at the end of each school year. This is from Jefferson Township No 5 school.

From Monroeville News Oct 20, 2004

A Country Surprise Party ... Feb. 2, 1907, Journal Gazette ...

Mrs. Edward Gladieux delightfully entertained a number of her friends last Monday evening at her home near Zulu in honor of Mr. Gladieux' thirty-fifth birthday.

The evening was pleasantly spent in card playing and music. The invited guests were Messrs. And Mesdames: F. C. Gladieux, N. A. Coulardot, Charles France, Charles Ternet, Frank Girardot, Lester Frane, Amile Gladiux, Amile Commet, Emmet Ternet, Theodore Girardot, of Coshocton, O., Miss Lillian Ternet, Mr. George Merrilat and Mr. Eugene Lomont. Music was furnished by Miss. Ternet.



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

**A Sunday Tragedy ... Dog discharged Shotgun, Sending full charge Into Master's Thigh.
James Gerardot, Victim of Peculiar Hunting Accident
Died on Operating Table at St. Joseph Hospital**

December 16, 1907, Fort Wayne, Journal Gazette

James Gerardot, of Jefferson township, his double barrel shotgun and the family dog formed the trio that figured yesterday in an accident which cost Mr. Gerardot his life. Mr. Gerardot died on the operating table at St. Joseph hospital yesterday evening about 6 o'clock from the effects of a gun shot wound in his hip sustained in the forenoon while out hunting.

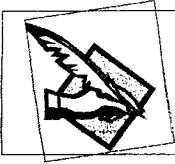
Finding a rabbit track near the house shortly before 9 o'clock Sunday morning, Mr. Gerardot, who was a prosperous and prominent farmer, shouldered his gun and followed by his dog, made off into the woods near the house in quest of a fresh cotton tail to supply the met platter at noon meal. Mr. Gerardot traced the rabbit to a log heap, and setting the gun down, with both barrels cocked, went around the end of the log to make an inspection. The dog, which by this time was jumping about in his ecstasy, ran under the stock of the gun, knocking it over. One barrel was discharged, the charge taking effect in the left leg of Mr. Gerardot, about half way between the knee and the hip. He sank into the snow, unable to make more than a feeble attempt at attracting the attention of his wife to his assistance.

The report of the discharge, brought Mrs. Gerardot to the rear door, and looking in the direction whence the report came, she heard faint cries for help. While the unfortunate man was about a quarter of a mile from the house, the wind carried his appeals to the house, and to this fact he owed his escape from death by exposure.

The Messrs. E. S. Butler and Fred Hisner, neighbors, were hurriedly summoned, and removed Mr. Gerardot to his home. Drs. Brudi, of New Haven; and I. N. Meyers, of Maples, were called in attendance. In the meantime the Barnett ambulance, of this city, was ordered out and the injured man was rushed to St. Joseph hospital, where Dr. Dueming took charge of the case.

On examination Dr. Dueming found the charge entered the thigh almost as one ball and besides shattering the bone, tore a huge hole through the fleshy part of the leg. Judging from the wound, it is supposed that Mr. Gerardot was not more than four to six feet from the muzzle of the gun at the time it exploded. The loss of blood and the shock combined to weaken the patient to such an extent that he failed to rally from the operation.

Mr. Gerardot, was perhaps thirty-five years old. About one and a half years ago, while logging for a firm at New Haven, he sustained a fracture of his right foot as the result of a log rolling over it. Several months later a horse kicked him, laying him up for some time. He leaves a wife and several relatives in the county and city.



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

October 26 and November 15, 1912

Journal Gazette ... ZULU NEWS ...

Edward Gladieux, shredded corn last Saturday ... Clarence Townsend accompanied Miss Etta Falls to Middletown last Saturday to attend the funeral of Miss Fall's grandmother. ... Edward Monnot sold one of his horses last week and Friday Mr. and Mrs. Monnot delivered the same to New Haven. ... Wm Townsend and Benjamin Minster made a business trip to Fort Wayne Saturday morning and in the afternoon to Payne, O. Ben drove his machine and is quite a speeder. ... Mr. and Mrs. Frank Renille are the proud parents of a baby boy. ... Frank Gremaux shredded corn for Charles Ternet last Monday. ... Jeff Reynolds met with a serious accident last week on returning from Fort Wayne. At the crossing east of New Haven his wagon was struck by an electric car. Gertrude Girardot is employed at the Frank Renille home. ... Mrs. Sarah Girardot gave a dance at her place last week. All who attended report a good time. ... Chester Comment spent Sunday with his parents. ... Leslie Ternet is on the sick list. ... Frank Oberly went to Monroeville on business last Monday. Louis Voirel is building a double corn crib and shed. His neighbors helped him to raise the building last Monday. ... Louis Gremaux and Alfred Evard of Fort Wayne were out hunting Tuesday. ... Mrs. Anna Townsend and Mrs. Ellen Townsend saw "The Confession" at the Majestic Sunday afternoon. ... Miss Charles France buzzed wood last Tuesday. ... Miss Lucy Gladieux is visiting at her sister's home, Mrs. Joseph Dager. ... Frank Lothamer, accompanied by his two sons went to Fort Wayne, last Sunday afternoon. ... Arthur Girardot is helping his uncle husk corn. ... Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dodane were calling on relatives the past few days. ... Jule Gremaux went to Fort Wayne Thursday evening to hear the Honorable

William Jennings Bryan. ... Mrs. H. S. Coulardot did shopping in Fort Wayne on Saturday and also went out to the driving park to see the bird boy, Art Smith, make a flight. ... Edward Girardot, Sr., and son, Frank, Adolph Wagner and Lafe Girardot made a business trip to Manistee, Mich. ... Cards were received the past week from San Francisco, Cal., announcing the marriage of Miss Minnie Comment to George B. Rogers. Mr. Rogers formerly lived in Fort Wayne. ... Orsane Gremaux lost a valuable horse last week. ... Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bonjour hauled a load of fine apples to Fort Wayne on their auto last Friday. ... A number of young folks from Besançon attended the dance at Owen Falls Saturday evening and a fine time was had by all. ... Mr. Clem Gladieux had the misfortune of breaking one of his limbs Sunday afternoon. Mr. Gladieux and a boy friend drove to Maple town to attend the ball game and while attempting to turn the horse around the buggy upset throwing Mr. Gladieux under the buggy breaking his limb. At this writing he is getting along nicely although suffering severe pain. ... Mr. Clem Gremaux, Art Lomont, Joseph Dodane, Bernard Snider, Clarence Lomont and Jesse Gladieux returned home Sunday afternoon after spending a week at Rome City. ... Miss Mildred Perl accompanied her school-mate, Edna Monnot home and spent the night with her. ... Miss Gertrude Girardot is at home doing some sewing and assisting her mother with household tasks. ... Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Begue drove to Fort Wayne Tuesday with a load of produce. ... Miss Cecelia Ternet is employed at her brother, Solomon's home. The stork brought a democrat voter there on Wednesday. ... Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ternet, and daughter, Velma, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Yoquelet and daughter, Minnie, were invited guests at the sheriff-elect, A. C. Gladieux's home last Sunday. ...

OBITUARIES OF LONG AGO ...

BOITEUX

Feb 16, 1899 ... Ft Wayne News

Mrs. Virginia Boiteux, of Jefferson township, was found on the floor of her room in an unconscious condition last week, and remained in that condition until Tuesday morning, about 9 o'clock, when death ended her sufferings. She was an old and respected lady of Jefferson township, and for a number of years had made her home with her step-son: P. X. Francis Boiteux. The deceased was born in France in the year 1813 and at the time of her death was 86 years old. She came to America in 1854, and since that time has resided in Allen county. The funeral services were held this morning from the St. Louis Catholic church.

MOUREY

January 22, 1916 ... Ft Wayne Journal

Mrs. Rose Mourey, a resident of Jefferson township, died Tuesday afternoon at the St. Rochas hospital where she had been a patient for several months. Death was caused by an illness of which she was a sufferer for several years. Beside the husband, Mr. Paul Mourey; one stepson, Raymond Mourey; two nieces, Mrs. Robert Dickson, of Ft. Wayne, and Mrs. Muller of Iowa, and two nephews, Mr. Louis Roussel, of Besançon and Mr. Frank Roussel, of Ft Wayne, and one sister living in Iowa survive. The deceased was a member of St. Louis Catholic church of Besançon, where services were held Thursday morning.

LADIG

August 8, 1909 ... Ft Wayne Journal

Little **Harold Ladig**, three years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ladig, of New Haven, was killed yesterday morning near his home in an accident. The lad, with his older sister, Susie, was sitting in a wagon which contained several large ice tubs packed with ice and cream, when the horse backed and upset the wagon. The little boy fell to the ground and one of the large tubs fell on him. His skull was

crushed and his abdomen injured. The little girl fell out the other side of the wagon and escaped serious injury.

The lad's father is employed by the Hartzell Ice Cream company and was delivering some ice cream for a picnic. He stopped at his home and his children got onto to the wagon while he was in the house. It is thought they pulled the lines and caused the horse to back. A physician was called as soon as the accident happened but could do nothing. The deputy coroner is make an investigation.

MARQUARDT

June 9, 1915, ... Ft Wayne Weekly Sentinel

Joseph Marquardt, rural mail carrier on route No 3 out of Maples, a few miles southeast of Fort Wayne, was instantly killed by a Pennsylvania train on a crossing three miles east of Maples at 12:45 o'clock Monday afternoon. The new crossing tragedy occurred one mile west of the scene where Roy Ritchie, of this city, met his death a few weeks ago.

Marquardt was struck by westbound Pennsylvania passenger train No 21. Highway and railroad tracks at this point cross at right angle, and it is said there is nothing in the way to obstruct the view of approaching trains.

The locomotive struck the rural mail man's buggy directly in the middle and hurled the occupant a distance of more than one hundred feet, almost directly in front of the train, which severed the man's head from his body. Section employees and members of the train crew picked up the body and notified the coroner. The buggy was completely demolished and the horse severely injured.

Mr. Marquardt resided four miles west of Maples. He was married and the father of four children. Mr. Marquardt had been a mail carrier out of Maples for some years and was widely known in that section of the county.

The accident happened at what is known as the Ellison crossing, half a mile distant from the Marquardt home, as the carrier was returning home from his daily trip which he had been making for eight years. The train was in charge of conductor Jerree O. Rouke and engineer S. P. Spedre.

OBITUARIES OF LONG AGO ...

COMMENT

March 14, 1913 ... Ft Wayne News

Hortance Comment, aged fifty-five years, the wife of J. C. Comment, died at the family home, near Besançon, yesterday after a protracted illness of two years, from a complication of diseases. Her death came very suddenly, as she was going to the mail box in front of her home. In addition to the husband she is survived by the following children: John, of Gary, Ind., Charles of Falcon, Colo., Emmett, of Jefferson township, Eugene, Chester and Jennings of Fort Wayne, Minnie of San Francisco; and Mrs. Charles Beckman of this city. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Fran Terrett*, of Payne, Ohio; John, Emmett and Charles Terrett*, of Besançon; Mrs. F. C. Gladieux of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. George Townsend of Jefferson township.

(PLEASE NOTE: Terrett is TERNET)

DIDIER

April 21, 1903 ... Fort Wayne News

James Didier, the carpenter employed at the car shops of the Pennsylvania railroad who met injuries yesterday by falling down the stairs at the rooms of the East Pennsylvania Car Shops Athletic club, died this morning at 4 o'clock at St. Joseph hospital, to which place he was removed yesterday. An examination made by Dr. Rosenthal revealed the fact that his skull had been fractured at the base of the brain. The remains were taken from the hospital to the undertaking rooms of Schone & Co. and prepared for burial, and this afternoon they removed to the residence of the deceased, 73 Chestnut Street. Mr. Didier was 47 years of age. Surviving him are his wife and four children: Clement, Bertha, Ernest and Loretta. The sisters are: Mrs. Havelt, Mrs. H. Conrad, Mrs. C. Martin and Mrs. G. Bacon. Mr. Didier had been employed by the cars shops for a number of years.

The funeral will take place on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock at the Cathedral and the interment will be at the Besançon cemetery, in Jefferson township.

LOTHAMER

October 20, 1909 ... Sentinel

Joseph Lothamer, a pioneer resident of Allen county, died Monday afternoon, Oct 11, 1909, at his country home, in Jackson township. He had been afflicted with rheumatism for a number of years, and about one year ago sustained a paralytic stroke which left him helpless.

Mr. Lothamer was born in Condone, France May 13, 1834, spent his boyhood days working in the woolen factories, and at the age of 21 years came to American with his parents, his brothers and sisters, locating in Richland county, O., in 1854. Two years later he removed to Paulding county, Ohio, but two years later removed to Allen county, which has since been his home.

He was united in marriage in 1862 to Miss Elizabeth, October 30 and in 1864 they came to Allen county, purchasing a large farm in the wilderness which he cleared and cultivated. He was the father of seven sons and three daughters. The sons are Joseph, foreman of the Summitt City Soap works; Andrew of Saginaw, Mich, John, grain dealer at Tillman, the late Lester, who was trustee of Jackson township, Oliver, a farmer in Paulding county, O., Albert, assistant manager of the Metropolitan Life Insurance, and Jesse, at student at St. Charles college. The daughters are: Mrs. James Lechler, Mrs. Justin Lomont, and Eliza Ann (deceased). Besides the surviving children are the widow, two brothers, two sisters, nineteen grandchildren, and a host of friends. Mr. Lothamer was an excellent and highly respected citizen. Funeral services were held Thursday from the Roman Catholic church at Besançon, conducted by Rev. Father Louen.



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Names found from Jefferson township, Allen county, Indiana that year were: Adams, Baird, Bell, Bently, John Bower, Henry Castleman, Copenhagon, Keif, Lucy, Monihun (?), Platt, Powers, Slater and Whitney. Please note: In 1840 an enumeration of living Revolutionary War veterans was included service in the census. This was a list of names recorded on the back of the original printed census forms. Beginning in 1870, the enumerators asked questions regarding Civil War veterans and lists were compiled from these records. In both cases, only the name of the veteran is available.

Barb Gorney has copied the 1850 census, and mentions it is very hard to read. The head of the house for Jefferson Township/Besançon in that census was: Peter Townsend, Socrates Bacon, John Bowers, James Martin, John Nail, and David Bowers. Other names mentioned for Jefferson were: Dickerson, Powers, Schaefer, Hull, Starr, Webster, Winters, Walters, Platt, and Miller. We don't know if they were at Besançon.

The seventh Census was taken June 1, 1850. The 1850 census was a landmark year in American census-taking. It was the first year in which the census bureau attempted to record every member of every household, including women, children and slaves. AND it was the first census to ask about the place of birth. Accordingly, the first slave schedules were produced in 1850. Prior to 1850, census records had only recorded the name of the head of the household and tabulated the other household members within given age groups. The 1850 census collected the following information: name, address, age, sex, color (white, black or mulatto) for each person, whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane or idiotic, value of real estate owned (required of all free persons), profession, occupation or trade of each male over 15 years of age, place (state, territory or country) of birth, whether married within the year, whether attended school within the year, whether unable to read and write (for persons over 20), whether a pauper or convict.

The 1850 census, 1860 census, 1870 census, and 1880 census all indicate the person's occupation. If the answer is "farmer," you should look for information about the farmer's land ownership, crops, and livestock in the agricultural census schedules. If the person was a saw or grist miller, cheese maker, or other "manufacturer," you should check the manufacturing census schedules. Agricultural census schedules exist for 1850-1880; manufacturing census schedules exist for 1820 and 1850-1880.

The Latter-Day Saints allows anyone to access the 1880 United States Census via their web page: www.familysearch.org. I found it fascinating and 'reading' the households of Jefferson Township, left me with many unanswered questions. I know there will never be any answers to some of these. Let's start with one household: my Great-Grandfather, Francis Lomont, age 49, with his wife, my Great-Grandmother, Cecelia, age 46, both born in France, Francis is listed as a farmer, and Cecelia, keeping house. There 6 children, ages 26 to 5; and a Nicholas Jeofroy, age 64, born in France, listed as working on farm. Also a Frank Johnson, age 19, born in Indiana, listed as works on farm. Then there is a Anthony Gagnier, age 21, born in France, and his occupation is listed as Capitalist. P. S. My grandfather name is listed as Armand at age 8, we knew him as Harmon.

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My Great-Great-Grandparents, **Maurice and Ann J. Rausis**, are listed as ages 64 and 75, respectively, both born in Switzerland, he as a retired farmer, she as keeping house. Their son, **Frank** and his wife **Leonora**, ages 29 and 22 (she being listed as born in Indiana) are living with their 3 small children, ages 5, 3 and 3 M in another home. Frank would be my great-great uncle.

Some other families that were members of Besançon at that time, would be **John and Margaret Lorrain**, ages 56 and 50, both born in France and in the house hold, 2 daughters, a son, and a grandson, age 3m. **Perre and Rosale Gladieux**, ages 68 and 66, born in France, and retired farmer. **Abraham and Maria Ann Yocquet**, ages 60 and 53, both born in SWITZ. In another house hold, **Alfred and Mary E. Yocquet** ages 26, both born in Indiana with two small children. **John Gramoux**, age 32 lived alone, listed his occupation as laborer and was born in France. In the **Joseph and Mary Coyot** house hold was the two of them, ages 26 and 23, two small children and **Jeneva Perreguey**, age 61, listed as MotherL, a retired house keeper, and born in France. Also, **Jeane Grandjean**, age 63, born in France, a retired cook, and relation was Aunt.

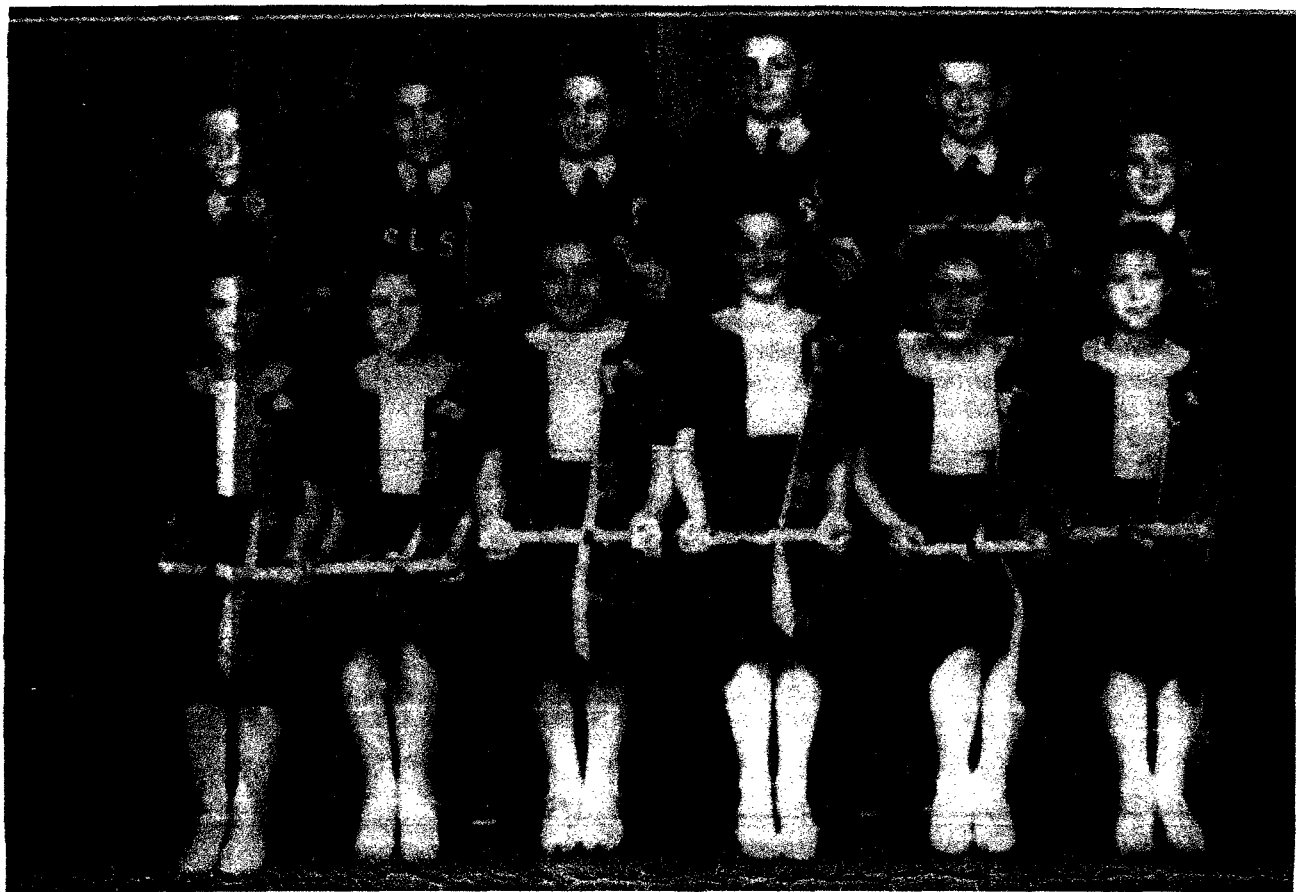
Auguste (born in France, age 41) and his wife, **Selina C, Pepe**, (age 33, born in Indiana) had their 6 children listed, ages 19 to 2, with the 3 oldest sons listed as "works on farm". **John B. Roy and Caroline Roy**, ages 64 and 66, born in France, also have 3 sons living with them, the youngest, age 13, listed as being in school. The other two "works on farm". **Justin Banet and Clarice Banet**, ages 28 and 26 are both born in France, and Justin is listed as carpenter, they have two small children, and **Laura Lomont**, age 8, a niece living with them. Her birthplace is Indiana, with both her parents listed as being from France.

Adolf and Margaret Lomont, are 48 and 51, and Margaret gives her birthplace as Pennsylvania (PA), with both her parents born there too. Also, in that household is **Emma Iseby**, age 18, born in Indiana, and her occupation is 'house servant'. Her parents are listed as the father born in France and her mother born in PA.

Peter and Virginia Maire, ages 64 and 59 were both born in France. In another Maire house hold we find **Mary J Maire**, age 34, managing farm, born in France, with two daughters, age 13 and 8 and three sons, ages 10, 4 and 2. Living in the house is **John Ternet**, age 23, "works on farm", and John was born in Indiana. The two oldest children are listed as being in school.

Patrick and Mary J. Ryan, ages 45 and 46 are listed with 3 sons and a daughter. Patrick was born in Ireland, and Mary J born in New York. Her parents are listed as being born in NY also. Living with them is **Mary J Lourain**, age 17, as a 'servant' with her parents born in France, but she was born in Indiana. In the **Jacob Giant** family, Jacob is listed as 51, from France, and 3 sons: **Joseph**, age 24, born in IN, (with his wife, **Mary L**, age 23 born in IN and their daughter, age 10M), **Frank**, age 21, and **Jacob**, age 18 Mary, the daughter in law, gives her parents as born in SWITZ.

Just one more: **Francis Boiteux**, 42, born in France, a farmer with his wife, **Victoria**, age 41, born in France, keeping house and their 2 daughters, ages 14 and 11 born in Indiana and a niece, **Martha De Lagrange**, a niece, age one, born in Texas, with both her parents listed as born in France.



This 1939 photo is the 8th grade graduation at Besançon. Pictured from left to right in Back row: Richard Girardot, Richard Oberley, Robert Oberley, Joseph Giant, Robert Hake, Harvey Bacon Jr., Front Row: Lavon Huguenard, Madonna Gerardot, Dorothy Gerardot, Monica Lomont, RuthAnn Mourey, Marcile Girardot.
Photo is from the Monroeville News, 3/23/2005 courtesy of Dick Girardot.

From the Ft Wayne Gazette ... Oct. 30, 1895

Annual Plowing Competition to Be Held in Washington Township

The fifth annual plowing contest of the Washington Township Plowing club will be held on Thursday, November 7 at 9 o'clock a.m. one mile north of the city on the Leo road, on the Pepe farm, in the field adjoining the Pen House property on the east. Competition open to Allen county. No entrance fee will be charged competitors. The appended score will be used by the judges in awarding prizes: Farrow, 40; finish, 20; end, 15. Judges will be chosen on the field by Field Manager George Thumm on day of contest.

The following rules will govern the contest: 1. Only one operator to each plow. 2. Depth of furrow to be six inches or more. 3. All lands started must be finished. 4. Lands will be staked off to contain one-half acre. Middle of opening furrows must be where stakes stand. 5. To insure space, intending competitors should apply in person or by mail to secretary by Tuesday, November 5.

A large number of valuable prizes will be given the winners in the contest. W. F. DeVilbiss is president of the club, and George Thumm is secretary.

Look for BHS on the Internet: www.Besanconhistory.org

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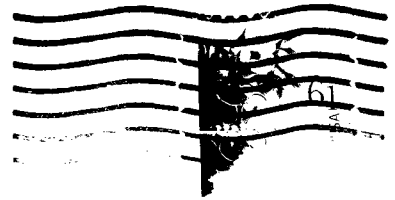
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