



Village of Courchaton, France

Department: Haute-Saone Region: Franche-Comté Area: 5.25 square miles

Several Family names from Courchaton: BANET, BOLEY, BOUVIER, GAUTHIER, GIRARD, GREMAUX, GROSJEAN, HUGUENARD, MARTIN, PEQUIGNOT, REUILLE, RONDOT, ROY, SARAZIN.

Per research by the late Alfred B. Rondot and the late Fr. Charles Banet.

Photo by RenÃ© Michaux

http://www.panoramio.com:80/user/1350799?with_photo_id=7535402

See page 3 for Nicolas BOLEY/Amelia PEQUIGNOT Genealogy from village of Courchaton, France.

President's Message ... Barbara Gorney

Due to the hot, hot summer, the cemetery project was placed on hold.

A few queries have come in. Gene Yoquelet had an exciting one from Washington State. Pat Diehl from Washington was in Fort Wayne and wanted to see the Besancon archives because she is looking for a place that would house Father Banet's papers. Gene has been searching for Father Banet's information for quite some time. Some of his papers have been bound of which there is a copy in the archives and at the public library. Father Banet began collecting the information on the French families many years ago. Pat said she had many boxes filled with Father Banet's writings. This would be a welcome addition to our archives.

Don Lomont was in town this summer for the Lomont reunion and I was lucky to be able to meet with him at Besancon. He presented a power point on his trip to France this spring. He met people who not only wanted to help his research, but also were able to help. This presented more information on the Lomont history and also corrected some errors, having seen the original ledgers in the mayor's office. Don's contacts in the villages of Roches les Clercval and Branne do not speak or write English. Don was able to explain how they could stay in contact with each other. Don has also started the Lomont Family history which will be put on a website in the future. Thanks Don for your effort in family history.

Georges Jeanney published his book in 2007 that he wrote on French immigration. He titled it Our Cousins, Inhabitants of Franche-Comté in America. However, the book needed to be translated into English. Don Lomont proceeded to translate it, but it cannot be published until the French publisher releases the rights. The publisher wants approximately \$2800. for the rights. The book consists of the French emigration to the mid-west from Franche-Comté, Alsace and Switzerland to Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. The last chapter describes Fort Wayne and Besancon of today. Georges names several families that he interviewed on farming. He was surprised that the children in some families do not plan to continue as farmers. His book contains a lot of history of the area. Georges Jeanney died Jan 22, 2009. His obit was in the *Chronicles*, vol 1, Issue 40, page 3. **Do we want to raise the money to obtain the rights to Georges' book?** The book does not dwell on genealogy, but on the settlement and farming of a French community. It describes the land from the early 1800's to today. Besancon is a historical site and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Besancon Historical Society would be willing to help with this project. **Please e-mail your opinion.**

Two articles have been added to the Besancon website, One is some newspaper lines about Jackson and Jefferson Townships in the early 1900's. The other is the names of men in the French American Society

Barbara.

NICOLAS BOLEY/ PEQUIGNOT GENEALOGY

Researched and compiled by Gene Yoquelet

NICOLAS BOLEY born, 15 May 1806, pl Courchaton, Fr. Dept. Haute Saone d., (unknown) PL Allen Co., IN son of CLAUDE ANTOINE and MARIA (Huguenard) BOLEY, natives of Courchaton.

Immigration Record – Boley, Nicolas Dec., 9 Oct.. 1852, nat. of Fr. B., 1 May 1806, mig. Le Havre arr., New Orleans, 20 May 1847. Bk 1 pg 484, Allen Co. (Actually arr., 2 Jun. 1848, on ship, "Ellen Brooks", New Orleans. See: Ship Manifest)

AMELIA PEQUIGNOT born, 12 Apr. 1809, pl Courchaton, Fr. D., 16 Jan. 1872, pl. Allen Co., IN daughter OF JACQUES and COLLETTE (COUVERT) PEQUIGNOT, natives of Courchaton.

Marriage date, 5 Nov. 1832, pl Courchaton, St. Madelein.

Burial, St. Vincent Cemetery, Allen Co., IN

Children:

JEANNE MARIA FRANCOISE JOSEPHINE
Born, 23 Sep. 1832, pl Courchaton d., 2 Nov. 1833.

FRANCOIS ALBIN
Born, 16 Feb. 1834, PL Courchaton d., 17 Jun. 1911, PL Ft. Wayne, IN married
PAULINE VALDENAIRE, pl _____.
Burial, Catholic Cemetery, Ft. Wayne (Sec. D-In 151) (see: 1880 census Allen Co., St. Joseph twp.)

MARIE ADELE
Adeline
Born, 17 Oct. 1835, pl Courchaton d., 13 Feb. 1924, pl Ft. Wayne, IN married
EDWARD SCHRANTZ, m./d 8 Apr. 1857 (B4-P42), pl Allen Co.
Burial, Catholic Cemetery, Ft. Wayne (Sec. D-In 152) (see: 1860 and 1870 census Allen Co., St. Joseph twp.)

CLAUDE FRANCOIS CHARLES
Born, 21 May 1837, pl Courchaton d., 26 Oct. 1839.

MARIE LUCILE SERAPHINE
Lucine
Born, 15 Sep. 1838, PL Courchaton d., d., 28 Jan. 1916, PL Ft. Wayne, IN with burial in St. Vincent Cemetery, Allen Co. n/m

NICOLAS BOLEY/PEQUIGNOT GENEALOGY----continued

CHARLES FRANCOIS

Born, 5 Feb. 1841, pl Courchaton d., 7 Feb. 1841.

CLAUDE MARIE AUGUSTINE

Christine

Born, 25 Oct. 1846, PL Courchaton d., 12 Mar. 1930, 82y 4m 17d PL Allen Co., IN
 Married VICTOR BOBAY, m/d 29 Sep. 1868 (B7-p324), PL St. Vincent, Allen Co.
 Burial, St. Vincent Cemetery, Allen Co. (see: VICTOR BOBAY and BOLEY
 Genealogy)

MARCELLUS/MARSHALL

Born, ca 1855, pl Allen Co. d., 11 Oct. 1922, pl Salt Lake City, Utah
 Married CATHERINE DEHART, m/d 3 Nov. 1882 (B15-p104, PL Allen Co.)
 Burial, (see: 1910 census of Salt Lake City, Utah Ward 1)

AMELIA PEQUIGNOT BOLEY 2nd marriage to PIERRE JOSEPH HUGUENARD,
 m/d 5 Feb. 1856, pl Cathedral (St. Augustine), Ft. Wayne by Rev. Julian Benoit, pg 93
 #1.

(see: Huguenard family genealogy)

MISSION OF THE BESANCON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ARTICLE 11 - SECTION 2

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

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Friends of Besancon.....

Dennis L. Donovan, 83, Lifetime Member of BHS, passed away Aug. 6, 2010. He graduated from Central Catholic, Fort Wayne, IN, and was a veteran of World War II. Mr. Donovan was laid to rest at Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Welcome New Member: **Donald J. Lomont**, P.O. Box 363, Seal Beach, CA 90740. To e-mail: djlomont@earthlink.net Don Lomont has paid for "Lifetime" membership and contributed \$50.00 to the Library Fund.

The small drawing of St. Louis Church in the upper left corner of the front page was done by **Dianna Voors** in 1994. She also compiled the book Windows of the Past, the history of the people whose names are on the windows of St. Louis Catholic Church for the Restoration of its' stain glass windows during the mid-1990's. She was also Secretary of BHS at that time.

A Note from new Editor, Mary Jane Novosel,(Reuille, then Roy). I must thank Joyce Lomont-Crowl, Barb Gorney, Gene Yoquelet, and my Mother, Jane Morow, for their help in compiling this first issue. (and my husband, Joe for helping with set-up). I will continue the good tradition of this newsletter and try a few new items also.

PLEASE!!! To all members—send tidbits, photos, articles of family history for future issues to help make this newsletter a continuing success.

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

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

Dodane Family Reunion

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

Ft. Wayne News & Sentinel, Nov. 17, 1918 **CELEBRATES FIRST MASS.**

Cathedral Is Scene of Joy at Service Yesterday

Assisted by the Rev. John R. Quinlan and other priests of the diocese., the Rev. Charles F. Girardot, a young man of the Cathedral parish, and recently ordained a priest, celebrated his first mass yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Following the impressive services at the church, a lunch was served in honor of the newly ordained priest at the Cathedral rectory. Following vespers and benediction at the Cathedral celebrated by Fr. Girardot, the young priest was host of the local and visiting clergy at a dinner at Library Hall. Fr. Girardot has been appointed first assistant priest at St. Mary's church, Michigan City, Ind. Effective Thurs. Nov. 28. Before taking up his assignment, Fr. Girardot will make a brief visit to St. Mary's-of-the-Woods, near Terre Haute, Ind.

An American Passport of April, 1871 of Jean Francois Beugnot
Found and submitted by Barb Gorney

No. 10776

Issued 1st April 15 1871.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

State of Louisiana }
County of Orleans }

I, Jean Francois Beugnot, do swear that I was born
Avallon in France, on or about the 6th day
November 1815, that I am a NATURALIZED AND LOYAL CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, and about to
and abroad; and further, that I am the identical person described in the Certificate of Naturalization
now with presented accompanied by his wife a native of New Orleans La
and two minor children and servant
Sworn to before me, this 11th day
of April 1871.

J Beugnot

D. Urbary
Notary Public

Description of Jean Francois Beugnot

Age about 56 years.	Mouth: ordinary
Stature: 5 feet 10 inches, Eng.	Chin: covered with beard, round,
Forehead: high	Hair: dark mixed with grey
Eyes: bluish grey	Complexion: florid
Nose: large	Ears: oval

I, Jean Francois Beugnot, do solemnly swear that I will support,
not, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States against all enemies, whether domestic
foreign; and that I will bear true faith, allegiance, and loyalty to the same, any ordinance, resolution, or law
any State, Convention, or Legislature to the contrary notwithstanding; and further, that I do this with a full
understanding, pledge, and purpose, without any mental reservation or evasion whatsoever; and further, that I will
faithfully and faithfully perform all the duties which may be required of me by law. So help me God

Sworn to before me, this 11th day
of April 1871.

J Beugnot

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Notary Public

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

OBITUARIES

CONSTANT PERNOT

Ft. Wayne News...June 9, 1896 **Constant Pernot**, an aged farmer, who has resided in Allen County more than forty years, died this morning at St. Joseph hospital. He leaves a large family, two sons and two daughters, all adults. The funeral will be held Thursday in Zulu, this county. Mr. Pernot was very well known and leaves a host of friends.

ARMANDE SORDELET

Ft. Wayne Sentinel...June 15, 1910...**Mrs. Armande Sordelet**, wife of James Sordelet, died Friday at her home in Jefferson township from pneumonia at the age of 74 years. Death followed a very brief illness, as on Monday the aged woman had visited with relatives in this city. The husband is critically ill at this time.

Mrs. Sordelet was born in France, but came with her parents to Allen county when a mere child. She was a member of the Catholic church and widely known and highly esteemed. Surviving relatives include the husband and nine children—Mrs. William Rorick, of Jefferson township, Mrs. W.M. Clutter, of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Peter Hanes of Aboit township, Mrs. Frank Pio, of Hobart, Ind.; Mrs. John Bickel, of Huntington; Frank Sordelet, of Columbus, Charles Sordelet, of Pueblo Col, Edward Sordelet, of Eel River township and John Sordelet, who resides on the "old home place". There is also

one brother, Marcellus Dupont, residing in Perry township.

JOHN J. GERARDOT

Ft. Wayne News...March 20, 1917...**John J. Gerardot**, a well-known Jefferson township farmer, died at the old Gerardot homestead, in Jefferson township, at the age of 35 years, death being due to complication of diseases. Surviving relatives include the aged mother, Mrs. Clem Gerardot, the wife and one daughter, Cleota; four brothers, August, of Jackson township; Louis, of New Haven; Theodore, of Coldwater, O.; and Charles, of Jefferson township; and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Dodane, of Fort Wayne; Hannah Gerardot, of Richmond; and Mrs. Louis Coulardot, of Zulu, Ind.

SOPHIA ROY

Ft. Wayne News...Dec. 5, 1898...**Mrs. Sophia Roy**, an old resident of Allen county, died at her home on the New Haven road, in Adams township, this morning. Mrs. Roy was a native of Switzerland and was 70 years old at the time of her death. She was a sufferer from dropsy. She leaves three children, Herman Racine, of South Bend; Virgil Racine, of St. Joseph, Mo, and Mrs. Tracy Roy Nicole. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon from the residence.

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