



**PHOTO at St. Louis**  
**Can Anyone give the Event and Date?**



Left to Right:

1<sup>st</sup> Row: Maurice Monnier, Alleen Kline, Fr. Allgeier, Henretta Roussey, Louis Martin

2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Eileen Oberley, Lucille Frain, Rosemary Burns, Mary Bowers, Edith Oberley  
2<sup>nd</sup> Row cont: Rosemary Gerardot

3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Grace Lothamer, Mildred Voirol, Alden Rousell, Velma Pepe, Celeste Oberley

Whoever can identify the above photo, please contact Gene Yoquelet, Besancon Archives—

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Thank you.

### ***President's Message ... Barbara Gorney***

Since we had such good luck on tackling the low area in the old cemetery with good results, we are looking at some other areas. There are some stones that can be seen but need to be set upright and cleaned. Right now this project is on hold, but suggestions are welcome.

I'm always looking for articles that tie in with Besancon. The History Center has a speaker the first Sunday of the month, and in March, Mark GiaQuinta spoke on "the lakes" in northeast Indiana. He actually focused on four. One of which was Pretty Lake where my folks had a cottage. In 2000 a book was written on Pretty Lake with many pictures. Of course I had to see this book which is located in the genealogy department of the library. As I was reading, the name Besancon jumped out at me. It seems in 1982 in France near Besancon was a camping area. The campers ended up leaving because of Swimmer's itch. This is caused by a type of flatworm of the Schistosomidae family. The itch is caused by the larval form that gets under the skin and results in a allergic reaction. It is a small red spot that persists for several days. Some people never develop an itch. Who would believe this fact would end up in a book about an Indiana lake!

The 1940 census will be out in April! It is being released by the National Archives and Record Administration. Good news and bad news for me. I'm anxious that we will have another census to look for family, but I will also be looking for myself. For I have reached past that 72 years mark when the census is released. Three leading genealogy organizations, Archives.com, Family Search International, and Findmypost.com, will join forces to quickly publish a searchable, high-quality name index. Its completion will allow anyone to search the record collection by name for free online at Arvhives.com, familySearch.org, and Findmypost.com. Many volunteers are needed to make this project successful. For now, the enumeration district and street will be helpful in finding names.

The regular questions were asked, though this is one census that is loaded with information. These are some other questions: Residence in 1935, employment status of persons over 14 years, and income in 1939. Five % of the population is asked mother tongue, veteran or wife or child of veteran, does this person have a social security number (remember this just started in 1935). Also, has the woman been married more that once and age at first marriage and number of births. These answers might help fill in many gaps in our genealogy.

Good luck to the researchers and I hope everyone has a great summer.

***Barbara.***

## GEORGE W. TOWNSEND/GLADIEUX GENEALOGY

Researched and compiled by Gene Yoquelet

### GEORGE WILLIAM TOWNSEND

born, 6 Nov. 1841, pl Allen Co., Ind.  
Adams twp. d., 26 Mar. 1911, pl Allen Co., Jefferson twp.  
son of PETER and ESTHER (NEAL) TOWNSEND, residents of Adams  
twp., Allen Co., Indiana.

### JOSEPHINE CECILIA GLADIEUX

born, 2 Apr. 1841, pl Vellescot, Fr.  
d., 12 Oct. 1919, pl Allen Co., Jefferson twp. daug. of  
JEAN PIERRE and ROSALIE (RASSAT) GLADIEUX, French immigrants to  
Allen Co., Indiana (see: Gladieux family genealogy)  
Marriage date, 23 Aug. 1860 (B4-P500), pl Allen Co.  
Burial, I.O.O.F. Cemetery; New Haven, Ind.

#### Children:

**CECELIA** born, 5 Sept. 1861, pl Jefferson twp. d., 5 Nov. 1955,  
95y pl Denver, Colo. married LOUIS E. YOQUELET, m\ d  
26 Sept. 1878 (B13-P44), pl Allen Co.  
Burial, I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.  
(See: LOUIS E. YOQUELET and TOWNSEND. Genealogy)

**WILLIAM M.** born, 27 Nov. 1863, pl Jefferson twp. d., 15 Sept. 1930,  
pl Allen Co. married ANNA A. RYAN, m\ d 28 Apr. 1892  
(B19-P516), pl St. Louis, Besancon by Rev. P.F. Veniard;  
Wit., Chas. Lomont and Joannis Ryan.  
Burial, I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

### GEORGE WILLIAM Jr.

born, 26 Oct. 1866, pl Jefferson twp. d., 25 Mar. 1949,  
pl Ft. Wayne, In. married MARIE ELLEN TERNET, m\ d  
3 Nov. 1891 (B19-P340), pl St. Louis, Besancon by Rev.  
P.F. Veniard; Wit., Wm. Townsend, Anna Giant and Chas.  
Ternet. (see: Ternet family genealogy)  
Burial, I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

### MARIAM LOUISE

born, 12 Apr. 1868, pl Jefferson twp. d., 31 Jul. 1922,  
pl Allen Co. married CHARLES TERNET, m\ d 14 Apr. 1891  
(B19-P168), pl St. Louis, Besancon.  
Burial, I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven

**Record of Deed** to the "Townsend" homestead farm - located a short  
distance east on the old Lincoln Hwy. east of St. Louis Church;  
Allen Co., Indiana.

1820 - land grant by President Van Buren deeded to a Joseph Walker.

1860 - purchase by George W. Townsend.

1865 - a small parcel of land was sold to Peter and Rosella Gladieux, parent's to  
Josephine Gladieux Townsend.

1919 - son, William Townsend listed as ownership.

1930 - Clarence Townsend listed as ownership.

1942 - homestead sold to a Burnside.

1979 - Gilbert Coonrod listed as ownership.



**Townsend's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
August 1910**

Family Members left to right:

Back Row: Louis E. Yoquelet  
 Marie Ellen Ternet (w/o Geo. W. Townsend Jr.)  
 George Wm. Townsend Jr.  
 Mariam Louise Townsend  
 Charles Ternet (h/o Mariam Louise Townsend)  
 Anna A. Ryan

Front Row: Cecelia Townsend (w/o Louis E. Yoquelet)  
 George Wm. Townsend Sr.  
 Josephine Gladieux (w/o George W. Townsend)  
 William M. Townsend (h/o Anna A. Ryan)

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This Spring the plan is to continue work on the Restoration Project, preserving and righting a number of grave stones. These are just a few grave markers that need restoration with the following names:

Justin Ternet

Joseph A. Girard

Euginne Barbaret Didier

Steffannie Reuille

Geo. J. Venderley

Louisa Monnier

John F. Ternet

Phillip Gladieux

Joseph Reuille

NOTE: More family surnames will be added. If you have not done so, please make your donation towards this project. It will be greatly appreciated!!

#### 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....cont.*

Thank you to **Fr. James W. Lothamer, S.S.** for the following letter pertaining to last issue of Chronicles' obituary of **Eliza Lothamer**.

Dear Editor:

It's always a pleasure to get the Chronicles from BHS. And especially to see the obit on my great-grandmother, Eliza Lothamer in the last issue. In doing genealogy, I love it when I come across a good obit. But this one is a great example of everything that can go wrong and sort of stands as a warning about not having corroborating evidence in gathering genealogical data. Let me give some examples.

Eliza was born in Champaign Co. Ohio, not in DeKalb Co. IN. She was the fourth of eight children born to Isaac Snyder and Eliza Bodey, who had settled in the Payne OH area by 1854. Eight more children were born to Isaac in the Payne area by a second wife, Lydia Deal.

In any case, the Snyders were staunch Lutherans, being founders of the Payne Lutheran church. Her brother, mentioned in the obit, "Father John Snyder", was not "Father" but "Pastor John" of the Lutheran church in Payne. In her own Lothamer family, the children were baptized Catholics but raised Lutheran by Eliza. In later life, the children were religiously mixed.

Three members of Eliza's family became active Catholics: Emma who married Justin Lomont, Emma's twin, Jesse who became Fr. Jesse (in 1917) and Oliver who had married into the very Catholic Westrick family. Sometime after 1910, Eliza, living with Catholic daughter Emma and Jesse nearing ordination, became a Catholic and active at St. Louis

In the list of children, "Abner" of Monroeville should be "Oliver", my grandfather. Father "Jesse" is obviously Fr. "Jesse" Lothamer, first priest ordained from Besancon.

Again, thanks for the obit. Hopefully my observations offer some clarification to those interested.

Fr. James W. Lothamer, S.S.  
Dec. 23, 2011

P.S. Clarice Lothamer Linder, a granddaughter of Eliza, told me that Father Jesse Lothamer got all of his mannerisms from his mother, Eliza. For those who knew Fr. Jesse, Eliza had to be a fun person to be around. Clarice also told me that when she was little, she would go on long walks with Grandma Eliza, who would smoke her corn-cob pipe and "make me swear not to tell anyone." Great stories!

## *Yester-Year.. . . .*

### OBITUARIES

#### TOWNSEND

Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette, Wed. March 29, 1911  
Submitted by Gene Yoquelet

**George W. Townsend**, a well-known resident of Jefferson township, died at his country home six miles east of New Haven after an illness of several years, death resulting from heart trouble. The deceased was born in Adams township, near New Haven, November 6, 1841, departed this life, March 26, 1911. Immediately after his marriage to Miss Josephine Gladieux, he settled on the farm where he died. To this union were born four children, those being Mrs. Louis Yoquette, Mr. William Townsend, Mr. George Townsend, and Mrs. Charles Ternet, who with twelve grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, all of whom survive with the mother to mourn the loss. Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 30, at the M.E. church at New Haven. They will leave the house at 12 o'clock standard time, and will be at the church at 1:30. Interment in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

#### NEW HAVEN WOMAN DIES Mrs. Josephine Townsend Has Short Illness

Ft. Wayne News Sentinel, Mon. October 13, 1919

Submitted by Gene Yoquelet

**Mrs. Josephine Townsend**, of New Haven, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Ternet, of Besancon,

yesterday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock, after an illness of three weeks. She was 78 years, 6 months and 10 days of age, and had been a resident of New Haven for the past five years.

Mrs. Townsend was married in 1859, her husband dying about nine years ago. She was a member of St. Louis' Catholic church of Besancon.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Louis Yoquelet of New Haven, and Mrs. Charles Ternet, of Fort Wayne, and George Townsend, of New Haven. Funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Louis' Catholic church of Besancon. Interment in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at New Haven.

#### BESANCON

Submitted by Barb Gorney footnote.com

**Mrs. Josephine Besancon** died at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning after a long illness at the home of her son Mr. A.F. Besancon, of Parnell Ave. for many years she had been known as "the French woman doctor" and had attained wide-spread fame for her ministrations to the sick and afflicted in her neighborhood. Mrs. Ben Besancon was born in France in 1833 but had been a resident of this country since 1845. The surviving relatives are two sons, Mr. A.F. and Mr. Henry Besancon of this city and nine grandchildren. She was a devoted member of the Cathedral congregation.

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

## OBITUARIES

### HUGUENARD

Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette June 30, 1911

**Louis Huguenard**, aged 40 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Huguenard, died at 2:45 o'clock Thursday afternoon at his home, 802 High street, death resulting from a complication of diseases from which he had suffered for the past several months.

The deceased was born March 30, 1871, in Washington township and came to this city twenty-one years ago. He was educated at the Brothers' school and was a devout member of the cathedral.

October 18, 1907, he was married to Miss Charlotta Kintz. Prior to the time of his illness he had been employed at the Centlivre Brewing company.

Surviving relatives include the father and mother and one brother, Frank C. Huguenard.

The body was removed from the home on High street to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kintz, 2518 Clinton street, where his wife died four years ago and at his request his funeral will be held from that place at a time to be announced later.

### PICHON

Ft. Wayne News March 1, 1911

**Christina Pichon**, age fifty-four years five months and 12 days, died Tuesday night at the East Haven sanitarium at Richmond. Death resulted from a complication of diseases.

The deceased was born near Academie Station, and resided there until her removal to the hospital. She was a member of the Academie Catholic church. Surviving she leaves her mother-Mrs. Julia Pichon of St. Joe

township; a sister-Mrs. Goldthait, of this city; and four brothers-Julian Pichon, of St. Joe township; Charles Pichon, of Perry township, and George and Joseph Pichon, of this city.

C.D. Bott, of Schone & Ankenbruck, arrived in the city this afternoon with the remains, and they will be removed to the home of the mother, in St. Joe township

### CHEVILLOT

Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette March 18, 1907

**Mrs. Josephine Chevillot**, a pioneer resident of Jackson township, died Friday at 3:30 pm at the home of her sons, Philip and Jules. Mrs. Chevillot had been an invalid since she suffered a fractured limb about three years ago. She was born in France, near the city of Paris, August 21, 1817, and came to America in 1854. Her first home in this country was in Hartford, Conn., and a few years later she and her husband came to Indiana, settling on a farm in Perry township. After the death of her husband several years ago she went to Jefferson township to make her home with her sons. Surviving her are three sons and one daughter-Philip and Jules, of Jefferson township; August of Jackson township, and Mrs. James Kline of Jefferson township. There are 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Chevillot was a devoted christian and her amiability of character endeared her greatly to the many who know her. The funeral services will be held this morning at 9 o'clock from the residence, and 10 o'clock from St. Louis Catholic church at Besancon. The Rev. Charles Alke will officiate.



*Facebook of Yester-Year.. . . .copied and submitted by Jane Morow*

## BESANCON NEWS

Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette May 12, 1907 page 19

BESANCON, Ind. May 11. Oscar Pearl, of Lima, O., is here to spend a one week's vacation with James Pearl and family.

The following members of St. Louis church at the place were at Hartford City last week attending a fair given by the Rev. John Noll, formerly pastor at Besancon: Anna Voirol, Laura Roussey, Rose Lomont, Rose Rorick, Clara and Lizzie Pepe, Lillie Ternet, and Mary Shloin, of New Haven.

Jefferson Reynolds, who underwent a surgical operation two weeks ago at Fort Wayne was removed to his home Saturday. Mr. Reynolds is much improved in health and will soon be able to be out and about his home.

Miss Pearl Cowan, of Bobo, Ind., arrived here last week to spend the summer months with her sister, Mrs. W.S. Townsend.

Miss Iva Snyder, who has been spending the past six weeks with relatives at Fort Wayne and Milan Center, returned home Thursday.

Mrs. Thomas Neal, of Hamilton, Mo., who spent the winter with relatives here and at Fort Wayne, left her daughter's home last week to return home. Mrs. Neal is remembered here by many people, having resided here twenty years ago.

Mrs. Louis Girard spent the latter part of last week with her sister, Mrs. George Johann, of Fort Wayne.

Nydia Sharp, of Fort Wayne, spent the latter part of last week with relatives near Cedarville.

Eva Kiefer and Clementine Girard, of Fort Wayne, were here Sunday spending the day with Louis Girard and family.

Mrs. William S. Townsend spent a portion of last week the guest of her parents who reside near Decatur.

Mrs. Rose Byers, Nydia Sharp and William Bieber, of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. May of Monroeville, were pleasantly entertained at the John Snyder home Sunday.

Della Butler, of South Bend, will arrive here in a few days to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Shirley.

Mrs. John Hess, of Fort Wayne, came to the country Sunday and spent the day with her parents, Benjamin Miller and wife.

Nellie Park has closed her school at Maples and returned to her home at Murray, Ind. Miss Park has taught in Jefferson for the past four years and has a large circle of friends who will wish her back next year.

Mrs. Peter Dager, of Townley, was home Thursday spending the day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Lesh.

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