



**OLD CEMETERY TOMBSTONES ON CONCRETE SLABS  
AUGUST 2011 SOUTH TO NORTH**



**EAST SIDE**

Stephen Batt  
Josephine Urbine  
Mary Collin  
John Roe  
M. Clara Voirol  
Celestine Dupeyron  
Gabriel w/J.G. Girard  
Emil Moldeney

**WEST SIDE**

Theobald Lothamer (old stone and new)  
Cora M. w/Joseph M. McCormick  
No markings  
Mary w/ A. Gerardot  
Elene w/ H.S. Gerardot  
John Ternet  
Eli Reuille  
Martha d/ E & M.J. Moldeney  
Frank Mauger  
Ezra son/H.F. & L. Moldeney

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

Since the heat has been so oppressive, I have stayed indoors. I started cleaning out the genealogy files and found Gladys Lomont's papers that I helped Joyce Crowl sort through. They consist of newspaper articles and information that Gladys wrote. I have placed three articles on the Besancon website. One is a list of 1870-71 bench (pew) registrations and the number. Second is the 1868 list of parishioners of St. Louis. Last is WWII veterans of Jefferson Twp. This is different than the veterans that went to St. Louis Church.

A Besancon Historical Society meeting was held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The decision was made to have Scott Brickley continue with more work on the cemetery restoration. There are about six broken tombstones close to the restored site that are greatly in need of repair. Gene has placed small flags by them for identification. Hopefully this project can be done this fall.

The Lincoln Highway Society is having a celebration of its centennial. It is in Indianapolis on September 21-22. It will be a very interesting and packed weekend. Since Carl Fisher started the idea of an interstate highway and also the speedway racetrack, there will be a tour of his estate. Also there will be a tour of the Stutz building, an IMAX film on historic roads, and a behind the scenes tour of the Indiana Speedway. An historic luncheon is scheduled at the Athenaeum (Rathskeller) with a presentation by a professional actor Jeff Kaehl as Carl Fisher.

Markers have been placed along the old Lincoln Highway through the northern half of Indiana and through Fort Wayne. There is a marker on the old route 30 just off of highway 30. Old 30 was a busy road in its day and goes right by St. Louis Besancon. There was a small dedication of the marker several years ago.

I hope everyone has had a great summer!

***Barbara.***

## JEAN BAPTISTE DUPEYRON

Researched and compiled by Gene Yoquelet

JEAN BAPTISTE DUPEYRON born, 16 Nov. 1822, pl Lestelle, Fr.; Dept. Haute Garonne d., Feb. 1906, 83y pl Allen Co., In. son of JEAN and MARGUERIT (BRASSUER) DUPEYRON, natives of France.

John Baptiste Dupeyron arr. in America abt. 1841 at Port of New Orleans, and remained there for a few years before he migrated to Ohio and on to Allen Co., Indiana.

First recorded in the 1860 census Jeff. twp. pg 620 #1275 In 29. And, in the 1870 census of Jeff. twp. pg 467a #53 In 7, both in Allen Co.

Listed in the 1868 "Register" of St. Louis Church, Besancon and 1870-:71 "Pew Register" with pew #24.

He is in the church records as having served ten years as secretary-treasurer.

CELESTINE SAUSSOTTE born, 29 Jul. 1826, pl Petitmagy, Fr.; d., Sep. 1898 in Jeff. twp., Allen Co. daug. of FRANCOIS and MARIE FRANCOISE (MONNIER) SAUSSOTTE, French migrates from Ohio to Jefferson twp., Allen Co. (See: Saussotte family genealogy)

Marriage date, 8 Jun. 1849, pl New Orleans, La.

Burial, St. Louis Cemetery, Besancon.

Children:

JEAN RAYMOND born, 15 Jan. 1850, pl New Orleans **d.** (unknown) sp n/m burial (unknown)

### Notes:

John B. Dupeyron settled on an 80 acre farm near St. Louis Chr. in Jeff. twp.

The Saussotte family entered Port of New York and immigrated to Darke Co., Ohio near St. Velberts Parish.

Jean Raymond found in the 1910 Allen Co. census living with Geo. **J.** and Rose Venderley. Also, on a ship Manifest arriving in New York, 6 May 1911 sailing from Le Havre, **Fr.** What happened to him after 1911 is a question I cannot find the answer, nor his date of death or place of burial.





**John B. Dupeyron**

Nov. 16, 1822—Feb. 1906



**Celestine Dupeyron**

July 29, 1826—Sept. 5, 1898

St. Louis Cemetery, Besancon

**OBITUARY; DUPEYRON**—Weekly Sentinel, 2/7/1906. Ft. Wayne

**John B. Dupeyron**, 83 yrs. of age and a widely known farmer of Allen county, died late Wednesday afternoon at his home near Besancon, in Jefferson township. Death was due to an attack of paralysis which came upon the aged man but a few days before.

Mr. Dupeyron was a native of France, born November 18, 1822, and came to America in 1841, landing in New Orleans after a perilous trip of fifty-one days in a sailing vessel. He embarked in the restaurant business in New Orleans, and in 1851 removed to Shelby county, Ohio. Six years later he came to Allen county, locating on a farm in Jefferson township. In 1900, in company with his only son, John R. Dupeyron, he revisited the scenes of his boyhood home in France, spending several months there. He was an estimable citizen and a devoted member of the Catholic church, serving for ten years as secretary and treasurer of St. Louis' congregation at Besancon.

Funeral services Friday morning at 10 o'clock from the Catholic Church at Besancon, Rev. John F. Noll officiating.

<i>Friends of Besancon.....</i>
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### A Big Thank-you . . . .

**Dennis & Rita Scheel** for their donation to the Cemetery Restoration Fund.

**Clara Sarrazine and Don Didier** for identification of photo on cover of last issue of Chronicles: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation of St. Louis Academy circa 1934.

The following **letter from Don Lomont**: Lomont Family Website URL

The Second Generation Lomont Family Website was launched at the Justin P Lomont Family Reunion on July 29, 2012. This version of the website is totally revamped from the prior website. It contains all the information provided on the prior website and major additions beyond that website.

The URL for the website follows:

[http://djlomont.freehostingcloud.com/Lomont/Lomont\\_index.htm](http://djlomont.freehostingcloud.com/Lomont/Lomont_index.htm)

The website provides links in the left hand column on all the pages to easily navigate back to a reference point as you navigate through the website pages. If it is your first time visiting the website, I suggest that you visit the following pages in the order provided below:

- 1) Home Page-Here you will find an intro. To the families that arrived in America, background on the author's quest for information on the Lomont Ancestors and cousins in France, and maps of France and the U.S. that will be useful in orienting you to the places mentioned within the website. This page contains links to the other pages and is a useful return point if you get lost in the pages of the website.
- 2) Authors s Notes-Here you will find the author's hopefully helpful comments and a link to sign up and be notified by an email message when the website changes.
- 3) The family tree pages-Suggest you go here just to see how they are organized before you start seriously traversing the pages. They provide info. On our ancestors who lived and died in France in the "Roots in France" link and info on our ancestors who lived and died in the U.S. in the "Roots in the United States" link. The data provide are included in the Lomont Family Database maintained separately from this website. Use the direct descendant's tree of Pierre to this author. Select the individual with links to their descendants to find your way to descendants of interest.
- 4) Introduction and Index- Here you will find an index to the material which is designed to walk you through the process of getting to know the history, geographic heritage and much about what it must have been like to make the journey and settle in America. It provides maps of France and the U.S. that will be useful in orienting you for the places mentioned with the website.

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- 5) Family Names- Here you can look up names that are contained in the Family Database to see who all is included in the Lomont Family tree. There is also a link on the first page of all the family names sorted by their first name.

If there are errors, please use the email link "Feedback-Send email to Don Lomont" at the bottom of the links in the left hand column to notify me of the error.

Should you have information which you would like included in the website, please send me an email with the information. If it cannot be sent by email, drop me a line and we will figure out the best way to get me the data.

Have fun checking out the website.

Yours, Don Lomont

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

### **WEDDINGS**

#### **DIDIER—WOENKER**

Submitted by Barb Gorney, footnote.com  
Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette June 17, 1920

A pretty church wedding took place yesterday morning at the St. Mary's church when Rev. J.H. Oechtering united in marriage Miss Eleanore Woenker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Woenker and Mr. Arthur Didier, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.X. Didier. Miss Florence Didier attended the bride as maid of honor and looked pretty in a gown of pale pink tulle hung over blue satin. She wore a becoming hat and carried sunburst roses. Miss Bernadine Woenker, a sister of the bride, served as bridesmaid, and looked pretty in a gown of orchid tulle hung over yellow satin, with a hat of the same shades. Her flowers were sunburst roses made in pillow effect. Mr. Louis Didier attended as best man. The bride looked lovely in a handsome gown of white brocaded satin, she wore a veil, made in Russian effect and head to the hair by a wreath of orange blossoms. He flowers were brides' roses. During the ceremony Master Bernard Woenker sang "Ave Maria". Mr. and Mrs. Didier left after the wedding breakfast on a wedding trip and upon their return they will make their home with the bride's parents.

#### **VANDERLEY-PEPE**

Submitted by Alyce Jane Morow, Journal  
Gazette Jan. 11, 1905

Miss clara Pepe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jules Pepe, of Washington

township, and Mr. Adolph Vanderley, proprietor of the Lake Shore hotel, were married in Academy church yesterday morning at 9 o'clock by the Rev, Father Louen. Miss Eva Sult and Mr. August Lassus were the attendants. The bridal party went to the home of the bride after the church service and about twenty persons, including relatives and a few friends sat down to a sumptuous wedding breakfast and spent the day in enjoyment of a country wedding and country hospitality. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderley will not take a wedding trip at present and will be at home at the hotel.

#### **GERARDOT-MOLDENEY**

Submitted by Alyce Jane Morow, Journal  
Gazette, Jan. 22, 1905

At 3 a.m. Wednesday morning, by the Rev. John Noll at Besancon, occurred the marriage of Miss Clara Moldeney to Mr. Henry Gerardot. Misses Nellie Gerardot and Ellen Moldeney were bridesmaids and Chester Gerardot and Henry Moldeney acted as groomsmen. After the services the party returned to the home of the bride's parents, where a large wedding reception was given them. The bride looked charming in a gown of changeable green and the groom was attired in conventional black. The happy couple will be at home at the groom's parents Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gerardot of Jefferson Township. (**note:** typed as in newspaper-I doubt it was 3 a.m.!)

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

## WEDDINGS

### GALLAND-LOMONT

Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette, Sept.4, 1916

Rev. Father Thiele, of St. Peter's Catholic church, officiated at the marriage last Tuesday morning at nine o'clock, of Miss Adele Galland and Mr. Clarence Lomont. The attendants were Miss Nora Damon and Mr. Jesse Gladieux. The bride wore white taffeta with all-over silk lace, her veil being made in cap effect, and held in place with a wreath of swansonia. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses, as well as wearing a wreath in her hair. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. J.P. Galland. After the service a wedding reception was held at the home of the bride. Many beautiful gifts were received by the couple. Mrs. Lomont wore for traveling a suit of gray silk with hat of black velvet. After a honeymoon of two weeks, they will be at home at 527 St. Martin's street.

### EMENHISER-BOBILYA

Ft. Wayne News, July 30, 1915

A very pretty wedding was solemnized last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. George L. Bobilya, at Hoagland, when his sister, Miss Elsie M. Bobilya, and Mr. David A. Emenhiser were united in marriage by Rev. A. K. Mumms, of Hoagland. Both are highly respected young people of near Monroeville. The bridal party consisted of Miss Inez Bandelier, of New Haven, bridesmaid; Mr. Clarence Bobilya, best man, and little Miss Ethel Bobilya, of this city, flower girl, and immediate relatives were the only witnesses to the ceremony. Miss Jean Mumms played the bridal

music. The bride was gowned in a beautiful white toilette of chiffon and lace and carried a shower of bride's roses. Miss Bandelier wore pink and carried pink roses. When congratulations had been offered at the close of the nuptial service, a sumptuous wedding feast was enjoyed, and was followed by a reception at the home of the groom's father, Mr. Joseph Emenhiser, near Boston. Early Wednesday morning the bride and groom left on a trip to Niagara Falls, and upon their return will reside on their farm, near Browerville. Guests at the wedding included Mr. L.C. Bobilya, and family, of Fort Wayne; Mr. Milton Barto and Mr. G.L. Bobilya and families, of Hoagland; Miss Inez Bandelier, of New Haven; Miss Hazel Beatty, of near Monroeville; Messrs. Amos and Clarence Bobilya, of near Monroeville,, Mrs. Eliza Emenhiser and son, Mr. Ed Emenhiser, of Monroeville, Miss Florence Barto, of Warren, O; and Rev. A.R. Mumms, and family, of Hoagland

### MARRIED IN CHICAGO

Sentinel Jan. 11, 1902 The mail this morning brought to The Sentinel the following interesting news concerning a gentleman once well known here: "Louis J. Havert and Miss Emilie Hodick were the chief parties in a beautiful wedding scene in St. Patrick's church, South Chicago, last Tuesday morning. Following the wedding ceremony came a reception in honor of the bride and groom at the home of Mrs. Charles Clark, the sister of Mr. Havert. Mrs. Havert is a most accomplished and beautiful young lady who has been a resident of South Chicago two years. Mr. Havert is a popular young conductor on the Chicago Lake Shore and Eastern road and a former resident of Ft. Wayne."



*Facebook of Yesterday...copied and submitted by Jane Morow*

NEW HAVEN, Ind Sept. 1. . .  
Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette 9/2/1916

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Erick and son Harry of Chicago are visiting relatives in New Haven

Mrs. N. Giant and Mrs. Cramer were the guests of Mrs. Dodane at Besancon Thursday.

Mrs. Amelia Federspiel and Mrs. Harry Wilcox and daughter Emalou of St. Mary's O., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Federspiel for a few days.

The Misses Katherine and Mary Sites, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. Harris for the past week returned to their home at Roanoke Friday.

Miss Lily Furthmiller of Fort Wayne is visiting at the home of Mr. Charles Hutson and family east of town.

Mrs. George Federspiel and daughters Juanita and Margaret left Thursday for a week's visit at Lima and St. Mary's Ohio.

August Meyers met with quite a painful accident Thursday morning. His nephew, a boy about eight years old, who is visiting him from Chicago was playing with a rifle while talking to his uncle, when the rifle accidentally was discharged, shooting Mr. Meyers in the hand and face. He was taken to Fort Wayne for treatment.

Mrs. F.X. Schuhler of Fort Wayne spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Federspiel.

A. Harris left Friday for a visit at Buffalo, New York.

The Busy Bee club of the Methodist Episcopal church met at the home of Miss Florence Hutson Thursday afternoon. Those present were: Mesdames George Bolyard, John Bolyard, Ethan Daniels, W.D. Errick, Harry Copeland, Mary Hutson jr., Fred Wahrenberg, Hary Zeddis, John Heyyworth, Charles Fullmer, A. Bolyard, J. Maire, R Curs and the Misses Mary Bryant, Florence Hutson, Etta Linden, Ruth Anna Zeddis, and Messrs. George Bolyard, John Bolyard, Ethan Daniels, W.D. Errick, Harold Daniels, Harry Erick Ross Curts, Louis, Charles and Russel Bolyard.

Master Joseph Federspiel is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Federspiel for a few days.

Miss Marie Furthmiller of Fort Wayne will spend the week-end with Miss Florence Hutson.

Mrs. Nora Crawford, of Hoagland, Mrs. W. Smith, of Monroeville, Mrs. Frank Runnalds, of Monroeville and Mrs. Mensor of Monroeville were the guests of Mrs. Martha Roberts Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Bandelier, of Indianapolis, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bandelier of east of town.

Norbert Akey, of Leo, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koehlinger Friday.

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