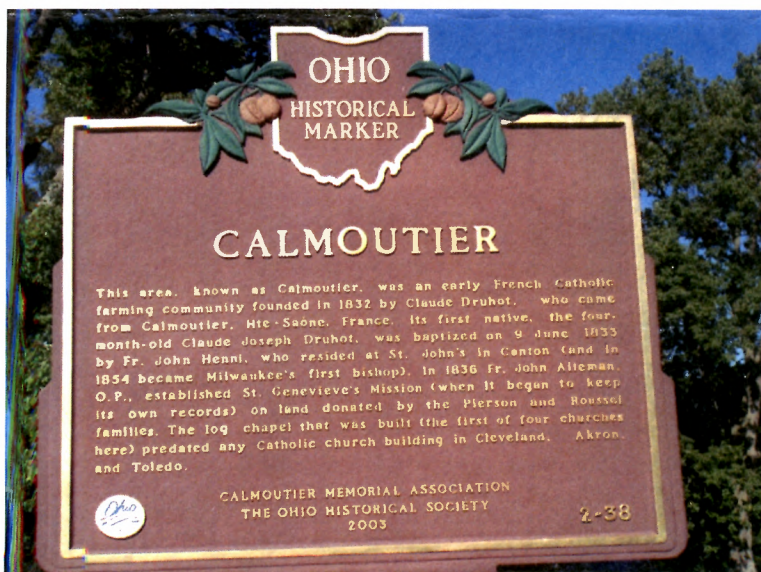




St. Genevieve Parish of Calmoutier, Ohio
The Ancestors of J. Francois & Marguerite Martin
Submitted by Mary Lou Rebecca Jacquay Renier (Martin)



Jean Francois Martin and his wife Marguerite Corborand (or Corboron) emigrated from Calmoutier, France with 6 of their eventual 9 children: Nicholas 18, Jean Claude 16, Francis Augustus 14, Joseph 11, Joseph Honors 8, and Victoria 3. Arriving in New York in June of 1835, they then joined a community of French immigrants who had settled in a farm community named Calmoutier in Holmes County Ohio and its parish of St. Genevieve.

The church was closed in 1981 by the Diocese of Columbus because of the small number of parishioners, but once a year, ancestors return for the Annual Mass & Picnic when the church is opened, people sit on lawn chairs. Following Mass, visitors bring out their food which gives them the opportunity to meet cousins and others of the families that were part of this community. The Mass is held on the second or third Sunday in August. **See Page 8 for info for this year's Mass**

President's Message ... Barbara Gorney

The Besancon Historical Society met on June 3, 2017 at the newly restored St. Agnes Atrium. The main objective of the meeting was to clarify the amount of space allotted to the Besancon Historical Society. Father Ben Muhlenkamp was present and stated the room that was used for notebooks of marriages and obits, published books and maps was needed by the school for a youth director's office. The enrollment of the school is increasing. At present there are 150 students and possibly 170 next year.

The "Parish Council" had met with Father Ben and said it was important for BHS to stay on site at the parish. So Father Ben said the society can occupy two rooms for at least a few more years.

This limited the archives to two rooms, the office and the photo room. The office space is being used to store the materials from the room that has been delegated for a director's office. The notebooks etc. have been placed in the closet. The desk has work space available and the printer is still in the room. Some of the pictures will be placed on the office walls. Many of the pictures and papers that were framed are on the floor in the photo room. Others that were in the large folded stands are in the hall closet.

Except for the framed pictures and documents, these two rooms can still function as a place for genealogists to glean information and photos of their families. Various questions are asked through e-mails because of the distance of the inquirer from Besancon. Thus a service can still be provided when inquirers are not able to research at the archives. Anyone in the area can set up an appointment in order to do research. The society welcomes new research into the family histories and new members.

BARBARA

The Parishioners of St. Genevieve Their Origin and Their Coming

By Rev. James R. Semonin

Submitted by MaryLou Jacquay Renier

We write about a French-speaking people who shared a common origin, livelihood, destination and religion. They were the pioneers of St. Genevieve parish, Calmoutier, Salt Creek Township, Holmes County, Ohio.

Calmoutier, France, is a little village in the north of the old province of Franche-Comte, whose capital was Besancon. The province was surrounded by Champagne on the northwest, Lorraine on the north, Alsace on the northeast, Switzerland on the east and Burgundy on the south and west.

At the Revolution, the province lost all political entity, and was replaced by the department as the largest political unit in France. Old Franche-Comte now consisted of three departments: Jura to the south; Doubs (with its capital, Besancon) in the center; and Haute Saone (with its capital, Vesoul) in the north. Though separate politically, these departments, along with Belfort, still comprise the ancient Diocese of Besancon.

The Department of Haute-Saone was, in turn, divided into three arrondissements, named after their principal towns: Gray to the west; Vesoul in the center; and Lure to the east. Calmoutier lies just inside the arrondissement of Vesoul, six miles east-northeast of the town, and on the road to the town of Lure, twelve miles further on.

“Calmoutier” is derived from Colomonastere, a combination of two words. The village is situated by a monastery on the little Colombine, a stream that eventually flows into the upper Saone River (hence, the name of the department Haute-Saone).

Thirty miles east of the village is the city of Belfort, which commands the Belfort Gap, a wide pass between the Jura bordering Switzerland and the Vosges mountains along the western side of the Rhine Valley. Therefore, the area is important strategically, and has been a highway for many a conquering army.

The years following the Revolution were certainly ones of political, religious and social upheaval for the “eldest daughter of the Church”, but in Haute-Saone, particularly, hostilities with Prussia always threatened the livelihood of the people-the fields, farms and homes- to a much greater degree than the rest of France. The discontent that these conditions bred simply led some families to seek peace and quiet elsewhere- the newly opened-up Ohio interior.

Calmoutier, Ohio, is located in northeastern Holmes and southwestern Wayne counties, between the villages of Mt. Hope and Maysville. Unlike its namesake, it was never a village itself, but just a farming community of French Catholics, centered around their parish church of St. Genevieve.

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Claude Druhot(ca. 1803---), who bought land there in July, 1833, is said to have founded the settlement in 1832. And according to tradition, he was soon joined by at least a dozen more families over the next two years, some of whom were probably natives of old Calmoutier. But, while almost all of the settlers of new Calmoutier came from Haute-Saone, it appears most came from the arrondissement of Lure rather than that of Vesoul.

What attracted Claude Druhot to the vicinity was undoubtedly the completion in 1832 of the Ohio-Erie canal connecting Lake Erie and the Ohio River. This meant that Ohio farmers could now get their goods to market quickly and cheaply. It also became much easier for the new settlers to transport themselves and their goods to their new homes.

These pioneering French, after embarking at Le Havre and crossing the Atlantic, would enter New York harbor and proceed north up the Hudson river, west over the Erie canal to Buffalo, then over Lake Erie to Cleveland, and finally south over the Ohio-Erie canal to Massilon, where the last 20 miles of travel, heading southwest, would be the only overland route after leaving their native land!

In addition, the land which had to be cleared was about the most fertile in all the state. This is due to the fact that it lies just inside the terminal moraine, the southernmost extension of the ice age glacier in Ohio, which cut right through the middle of Holmes county, depositing there precious topsoil which it had scraped up and carried along in its creeping, southward movement, ending on an east-west line through Millersburg. This also explains why the land south of this line is very noticeably rugged and steep, while north of it gently rolling hills are the rule.

Sainte Genevieve church was the hub of this French farming community. It is practically synonymous with Calmoutier and almost as old. Until its closing in 1981 it was the northernmost parish in the Columbus diocese, with its property actually bordering Wayne County and the Cleveland diocese.

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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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The J. Francois Martin Family

This story was written in 1941 by John Aubry

Submitted by MaryLou Jacquay Renier via Jacqueline Martin Buhr

John Aubry & Jacqueline Martin Buhr are descendants of Jean Claude Martin

Arriving in New York on May 5, 1835, on the ship *Silvie de Grasse* out of La Havre, France there came to the shores of America **Francois Martin and his wife Marguerite**. Emigrating from France, they naturally sought a haven among French people. They, therefore, found a new home in a French settlement; a community known as Calmoutier, located in Holmes and Wayne Counties, Ohio. [Actually in present day Salt Creek Twp., Holmes County] Emigrating with them was their group of growing children. This group eventually consisted of six sons and three daughters.

These sons and daughters naturally being endowed with the adventurous and pioneering spirit of the French of old, soon, for the most part, found their way to new homes, mostly further west. That their descendants have spread to the four corners of the land, a glance at the following pages will show. Believing, therefore, that it will be of interest to you, I will endeavor to trace the migrations of these nine descendants of Francois and Marguerite Martin and give you any events that might be of interest and not generally known.

1. The eldest, **Nicholas**, after marriage, located in another French settlement near Fort Wayne in Allen County, Indiana, a settlement sometimes known as **Besancon**. Thus, it will be noted that most of these descendants are living at or near Fort Wayne.
2. **John Claude Martin** lived his entire life in the Calmoutier community. However three branches of this family migrated to the White County, Indiana, in the eighteen nineties, and we find that most of the descendants of these three branches are now located in various parts of the State of Indiana. *(with the exception of years 1852-1856 which he traveled around the world with brother 5)*
3. **August Martin** did not migrate far from the Calmoutier community, having also spent his entire life there. He was the only one of the sons who served in the Civil War, having enlisted in 1862, and being discharged at the close of the war, thus he served about three years. He passed away shortly after the war ended.
4. **Joseph Martin** was accidentally killed felling a tree near home while still a young man. The exact date is not known, but is thought to be near 1840.
5. **Joseph Honora Martin** In order to account for the migration of the fifth member of the family, it is recorded that he and his brother, John Claude were the real pioneers of the family; they having been members of the band of "forty niners". Leaving their homes at Calmoutier in March 1852, they set out for California traveling by rail to the western termini of railroads, at the time, Omaha, Nebraska; thence with oxen to the Rocky Mountains and from there on by foot. Leaving California, they proceeded to Nicaragua in Central America, where Joseph Honora Martin settled. It is known that he married about the year 1870 and had one son and one daughter. Correspondence was carried on with him until his death, but nothing more is known of the descendants. Leaving his brother in Nicaragua, John Claude went to Chile, South America and from there to

Australia, returning home by way of New York. He was the only member to make the trip around the world, arriving home in 1856, therefore gone four years.

6. **Victoria Martin Corberand** While not remaining in the Calmoutier community, lived in Holmes County near Millersburg, Ohio.
7. **Adeline Martin Girard** family moved to Adair County, Iowa, in 1877, locating near the village of Arbor Hill.
8. **Mary Martin Girard** family preceding the above family by two years, located near the same place in Iowa in 1875, where they spent their entire lives.
9. **Charles Martin** also migrated to Iowa with the Adeline Martin Girard family where he lived until his death. He never married.



Nicholas & Frances Catherine (Bouvier) Martin

Submitted by MaryLou Jacquay Renier via Jacqueline Martin Buhr

Nicholas Martin (1816-1885) Married Frances Catherine Bouvier (1823-8/25/1921) at St. Genevieve church in Calmoutier, OH on March 5, 1844. After marriage, settled in Besancon, IN They had seven children. Four of the seven:

- 1) **Claude James Martin** b.2/26/1845; 2) **Charles Eugene Martin** b.1/13/1846-d.12/9/1876
- 3) **Nicholas Martin** b.8/11/1848 d.5/3/1911 Married Mary Elizabeth Barden b.3/14/1852 d.12/6/1931

- 4) **Charles Francis Martin** b.1850 d.2/6/1929 Married in May 1, 1877 to **Mary Didier** b.7/1859 d.10/29/1933

Married 5/1/1877 They had seven children:

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Seven children of Charles Francis & Mary (Didier) Martin:

- 1) **Julia Louise** b.1/23/1879 d.5/29/1954 married **Louis Gerardot** in 1900 b.1886 d.6/22/1922
- 2) **Clara Alice Martin** b.11/10/1880 d. 12/26/1880
- 3) **Louis Charles Martin** b.10/8/1882 d. 1/8/1970 married **Lucy Kline** Feb. 12, 1908 b.? d.1967
- 4) **Charles Nicholas Martin** b. 2/16/1884 d.9/13/1968 married **Orma Roy** June 22, 1905 b.8/18/1885 d. 7/7/1982
From the Kalamazoo Gazette, Sept. 14, 1968: Charles Martin, at age 84, was believed to be the oldest active harness racing driver in Michigan. He had been a driver and trainer for over 50 years and raced at fairs around the Midwest. He was driving his own 11-year old horse at the Allegan County Fair. Witnesses said Mr. Martin was coming up on the number one turn behind two horses when one horse stepped into the wheel of the number two sulky, causing it to stop. The wheel of Martin's sulky locked with that of the number two sulky throwing Martin to the track where two horses on following sulkies ran over him. He was taken to the hospital for treatment of fractured ribs, lacerations and a possible punctured lung. He died later that day.
- 5) **Eugene Clarence Martin** b.7/7/1887 d.11/16/1974 married **Juliet Henry** Nov. 22, 1910. She died in 1927. He later married **Stella Lamont** July 18, 1928 d. May 1957.
- 6) **Ella Lucinda Martin** b.5/12/1893 d.10/28/1969 married. **Herschall F Jacquay** Jan. 21, 1913 b.10/30/1889 d. 12/5/1966. They had nine children:
 - a) Celeste Frances Jacquay b. March 23, 1914, d. March 24, 1914
 - b) Bernon Joseph Jacquay, b. June 6, 1915, d. Nov. 14, 1986 Married (Sept. 7, 1937) Agnes Reuille, b. Nov. 8, 1919, d. Dec. 15, 1992.
 - c) Georgiana Agnes Jacquay, b. Oct. 22, 1918, d. Dec. 10, 1982 Married (Feb. 26, 1938) to Victor U. Jacobs, b. Nov. 3, 1922, d. Aug. 2, 1987.
 - d) Doris Marcile Jacquay, b. April 5, 1921 d. July 17, 1994 Married (Feb. 1, 1941) to Anthony DeRose, b. Feb. 20, 1917 d. June 10, 1980.
 - e) Marjorie Marie Jacquay, b. Oct. 28, 1923 d. August 31, 2008 Married (Jan. 10, 1942) Cyril J. Linder b. April 22, 1921
 - f) Robert Louis Jacquay, b. April 9, 1926 d. April 9, 2014. Married (Nov. 29, 1947) to Metta Jean Parr b. Mar. 7, 1928 d. June 7, 2011.
 - g) Kenneth Eugene Jacquay, b. April 25, 1929, d. April 25, 2014 Married (April 11, 1953) to Betty Elaine Ballantine, b. Aug. 19, 1935 Second marriage to Madeline Ann Pizzo (1973)
 - h) Madonna Jean Jacquay, b. Oct. 21, 1931 d. March 26, 1935
 - i) **MaryLou Rebecca Jacquay**, b. Dec. 21, 1940 Married (Aug. 8, 1964) **Ronald Robert Renier**, b. July 17, 1940.
- 7) **Bernard Francis Martin**, b 10/16/1898 d. 2/2/1962 married Mary Malloy June 7, 1927 b. 1906 d. 10/19/1985.



Front Row L-R:

Charles Eugene Francis Martin, Bernard Francis Martin, Mary Melinda C. Didier

Back Row L-R:

Eugene Clarence Martin, Ella Lucinda (Martin) Jacquay, Charles Nicholas Martin,
Julia Louise (Martin) Gerardot, Louis Charles Martin

Summary of Generations of MaryLou Jacquay Renier

Jean Francois and Marguerite Martin are my maternal great-great grandparents

Nicholas and Catherine Bouvier Martin are my maternal great grandparents

Charles Eugene Francis Martin and Mary Melinda Didier are my maternal grandparents

Ella Lucinda and Herschal Jacquay are my parents

Calmoutier Memorial Mass & Picnic

Sunday August 20th, 2017 at Noon

Father James Semonin will again celebrate the Mass along with Father Lynch

See Father Semonin's history of St. Genevieve Parish on Pages 3-4

<i>Friends of Besancon.....</i>
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Thank you to MaryLou Jacquay Renier for the 4 generational study of the Martin family and home parish of St. Genevieve in Ohio.

Joan M. Venderly: 89, Passed away Feb. 3, 2017. Wife of Lifetime member Ron Venderly. Daughter of Werner and Elfrieda Krug. Graduated from the Lutheran School of Nursing and work as a Registered Nurse with Lutheran Hospital. An active community volunteer to such organizations as the Ft. Wayne Youtheatre & Girl Scouts of NE Indiana. With her husband Ron, she established a nursing scholarship in her name for students at the Univ. of St. Francis and Sports Center at Ball State Univ. Also a world traveler throughout her life. Her husband Ron had passed away May, 2016. Our condolences to her family.

Donald F. Didier: 93, passed away June 13, 2017. Born in Ft. Wayne to Clem & Edith Didier. A graduate of Central Catholic High School. Enlisted in 1942 and served in the Air Force at Baer Field in Ft. Wayne. He graduated from the Feather School of Interior Design, class of 1952 and since 1957 has made a career here in Ft. Wayne until he retired at the age of 92 in 2016. Don was the definition of a kind person & a gentleman. Our condolences to all of his family.

BHS Meeting of June 3rd *see also President's Message page 2.*

A total of 13 people attended this meeting. Fr. Ben stated that BHS can have our present space "for the foreseeable future", after talking with Parish Council about BHS's importance to the Parish down thru the years and how it belongs at the Parish. I thanked Fr. Ben and told him we can and will make-do with the space we now have. Also relating a bit of history of the part of France from which the French immigrants came was the oldest diocese in history of the Catholic Church.

Also were discussed various ways to try to promote interest of BHS to the parish of St. Louis. After Fr Ben left meeting to attend Ordination of new priests, the remaining attendees went around the table and explained their ties to St. Louis Besancon and their interest in BHS.

The future payment of dues will go directly to Gene Yoquelet's (Treasurer) home for the convenience.

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

Tillman Station

Journal Gazette Sept. 9, 1906

Mrs. Warren Bowers, of near Baldwin, who had the misfortune of getting her leg broken in a runaway accident which caused the death of her husband, is again able to be about her home.

Mrs. Louis J. Gladieux, of Besancon, held the lucky number which drew the large picture of the Rev. Benya, which was given away Monday at the Besancon picnic. The Rev. Benya was the first pastor sent to Besancon a number of years ago.

Eugene Martin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henry of near New Haven.

Mrs. P.H. Coulardot is slowly recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism which confined her to her home a few days.

Charles Yoquelet and Daisy Bieber, of Dawkins' Station, and Minnie Synder, of Grabill, were entertained at the Eldridge Peters home Sunday.

Louis Girard and wife, of Besancon, were guests at the August Jacquay home Tuesday.

Herman Fuelling, of Madison township, was a visitor at the Louis C. Gerardot home Monday evening.

The Rev. John Noll, of Hartford City, formerly pastor of the St. Louis church at Besancon, was here Monday attending the French picnic.

A.C. Gladieux of the Lima & Toledo Traction Company, was home Sunday the guest of his wife and children.

Tillie Banet, of Fort Wayne, was home a portion of last week the guest of her parents, Justin Banet and wife.

On Wednesday of last week Alfonse Lomont and family very pleasantly entertained the following invited guests: Mrs. Ellen Mourey, Edith and Marie Loude of Decatur, Ala., and Mrs. Mary Lomont.

Mrs. Josephine Townsend, of Besancon, was a visitor at the Louis Gladieux home last Tuesday.

Mrs. Louis Yoquelet, of Dawkins Station, visited with Mrs. Eldridge Peters Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Peters, of New Haven, were invited guests at the George Townsend home Tuesday.

Mrs. Julia Snyder visited with her daughters, Mrs. Cora Marquardt and Edith Lawyer, of Monroeville, Tuesday.

Mrs. H.S. Coulardot will leave Jefferson in a few weeks to spend a two weeks' vacation with relatives in McKeveston, Mich.

One day last weekwhile Ray and Eldred Hollopeter were out driving their horse became frightened and ran away, throwing them out on the ground, but they escaped ungurt. Their harness and buggy were badly wrecked.

Clara Parnin, of Fort Wayne, visited with Tillie Ternet, of Besancon, Monday.

Mrs. Alfred Yoquelet and daughter Clara attended the fair at Decatur last week.

Leslie Ternet of Besancon, spent a portion of last week with Mr. & Mrs. G. Townsend.

Letter describing Funeral of Sister Evelyn Mourey

This was sent to Victory Noll Sisters not able to attend the funeral

Submitted by Jeff Hoffman

May 29, 2001

Bless O Lord, the journey we are about to undertake for the glory of your Holy Name, for the honor of your most Blessed Mother, and for the salvation of souls. May your holy angels be with us, now and in our last journey to eternity. Amen

Dear Sisters:

This, our Prayer for Travel symbolizes our lives quite well from hour to hour. Not for our own glory or honor are we on this journey but for the salvation of others in one way or another. Sister Evelyn Mourey's last journey was May 23, 2001. She had certainly given glory to Christ, honor to His Mother as she shared herself generously in the improvement of lives in this world and for eternity.

Sister Evelyn hoped for more years to continue bringing comfort to others even after her cancer surgeries. She died peacefully about 3:55 that Wednesday morning. Sisters had been sitting with her all day Tuesday and until her death. Sisters Rose Elizabeth Hohner and Fidelis Roels were with her at that time.

Sister Evelyn was born November 3, 1918, Monroeville, Indiana, to Leonard and Eva C. (Dodine) Mourey. Both parents are deceased. She is survived by: 4 sisters, Ruth Ann Coonrad, Monroeville; Blanche Schaefer and Maxine Rorick, both of Ft. Wayne, Pauline Klinker, Payne Ohio, and 4 brothers, Joseph, Fort Wayne; James, Port Rickey, Florida; Richard, Sebring, Florida; and Edwin, New Haven. She was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Helen Jacquay, Rita Gerardot and 1 brother, Joseph Mourey. Sister completed the elementary course of study in St. Louis School, Fort Wayne in 1933 with a diploma signed: John Francis Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne. She would continue her education into many fields to be able to serve the various needs in the missions during her life.

Sister entered Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters Congregation October 28, 1939 and made first vows August 5, 1942. She has ministered in Ohio, Alabama, Missouri, Colorado, Wyoming, Texas, California, and Bolivia, South America as well as in Victory Noll Health Care Center. Besides these ministries of directing religious education programs and in health care, Sister was engaged in projects: coordinating of adult and child learning at Sister Evelyn Mourey Center in El Centre, California, organizing Christian youth groups and communities; health education and she watered many gardens and planted more trees. In Bolivia, she helped women in Mothers' Clubs to appreciate the soybeans and soymilk sent as commodities from the United States; taught sewing, knitting, and crocheting to them; organized a pharmacy that sold medicine for less, planned a small co-op of 7 families to buy a piece of land and start cultivating it. Now they have 4 cows grazing on the pasture.

The wake for Sister Evelyn was Friday evening, May 25. Some of the family was present. Her sister, Blanche, shared with us Evelyn's love for music and her visits home.

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The Liturgy of Christian Burial was at 10:30 Saturday morning.. Father Thomas Fahey presided and about seventy-five members of the family were present. The family participated in the singing, as lector, placing of pall and symbol, carrying offertory gifts, and Sister Melanie Persche gave the homily.

Weather conditions were not the best but the family and many Sisters followed in procession to the cemetery.

A delicious dinner was served with wine and pie.

Sister Evelyn, we know of your desire to return to Bolivia and your quest to Blessed Pierre Toussaint for a miracle. They were denied you. However, now you can see our needs and seek help for all of us. Thank you so much for your example.

Sincerely,

Sister Marjorie Curran
Sister Marjorie
General Secretary



YESTER YEAR-continued

OBITUARIES

Emenheiser *Fort Wayne News July, 26, 1915*

Joseph Emenheiser, residing east of Hoagland, died Monday afternoon at the home of his brother-in-law, Dr. J.L.Smith, of that place, at the age of 50 years. Death was due to injuries he sustained Friday when he was leading a cow and was thrown by the animal the rope catching about his body. While he was being dragged one of his legs became caught in a log, breaking it below the knee, necessitating the amputation of the limb, the shock proving too great.

Surviving relatives include the sister, Mrs. J.L.Smith, and three brothers, John, David and Stephen Emenheiser

The funeral services will take place at the residence of Dr. Smith Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock and 10 o'clock at the Antioch Evangelical Lutheran church, at Hoagland, followed by burial in the church cemetery.

Dodane *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette July, 7, 1909*

The funeral services of Mrs. Justine Dodane, who died Saturday, July 3, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Bercot, of Cleveland, O., will be held at St. John's Catholic church at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning at New Haven, Ind.

Mrs. Dodane died from the infirmities of old age. She was born in France February 22, 1828, and came to this country with her parents about sixty-five years ago. They settled at Louisville, O., and later moved to Jefferson township, Allen county, Ind. Of late years she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. F.J. Bercot, and accompanied her to Cleveland about a year and a half ago, where she had since resided.

Besides Mrs.Bercot the following children survive her: Mrs. Felicia Barday, Jackson township; Mrs. Louise Vuillemin, Sheldon; Mrs. Mary Poiry, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Catherine Cholley, Louisville, O.; Peter Bone, Decatur, Ind.; Mrs. Jane Martin, Monroeville, Ind.; and Mrs. Elizabeth Arend, Cecil, O. Two children preceded her in death a number of years ago.

Yester Year—continued. . . .

Keith Hayes 1701 originally shared this story June 4, 2010 Ancestry.com

This is an excerpt from a family history report entitled, "The Descendants of Francois Xavier Monnot and Marie Clemence Vuillaume Through Five Generations in America" by Richard

Submitted by Alyce Jane Morow

Immigrating to Save One's Head!

According to Justine Dodane, Peter (**Pierre Monnot**) was to be guillotined at 6 p.m. one Sunday for harboring a priest seeking refuge in Switzerland, something he did often. His wife and children prayed all day and the judge let him off with a warning. This hastened the decision to emigrate, the story goes. They sailed with his father (Francois) and probably the family of his brother, Xavier.

His grand-daughter, Annie Monnot, said that after landing in New York City in 1844, they went by boat up the Hudson to Albany, from there to Buffalo by canal boat, then to Cleveland. From there to Massillon on the Ohio Canal, then to Louisville by wagon. His first land purchase was on June 7, 1844. He evidently mortgaged 68 acres in Nimishillen Twp. Sec. 14 to Joseph Schnaebelen for \$796. Then he and his four oldest children bought it from Schnaebelen for \$1800. Ten days later. The land was mortgaged to his sister, Victoria Lami and her husband two years after that. He probably moved to Indiana about that time. The 1870 census has him a weaver living alone in Jefferson Twp., Allen Co., Indiana. He lived with the Dodanes after the death of his second wife, then returned to Louisville to stay with his son Peter Justin, where he died in 1882 of asthma and old age. His first wife bore all his children, except the twins, Elizabeth and Eulalie.

Burial Notes:

"Born in Montecheroux Canton de St. Hipolite Department du Daubs Evanco, died Louisville, Ohio"

From "Windows of the Past" book of Besancon Historical Society pg. 53-54

PIERRE MONNOT

b. 6 Jan 1796 in Montecheroux, France

m. 15 May 1827 to Genevieve Vocque-d. 1838/41

to Elizabeth Groth- d. 1865/70

Children of first marriage:

M. Justine (1828-1909) m. Franois Dodane

M. Madeleine b. 1829-d. died as a child

Louis Francis (1833-1905)- m. Nancy Sneider

Peter Justin (1835-1909)

Mary Madeleine (1838-1930) m. Xavier F. Piquard

Children of second marriage:

Twins: Claude Marie Elizabeth- b. 6 April 1841- d. before 1844

Eulalie Constance b. 6 April 1841 d. 13 Feb. 1925 m. 1-Peter C. Grisez 2-F. Eilwanger

Pierre was listed on the 1868 membership list of St. Louis Church. His name is on a section of the church window in the bell tower (accessible through the choir loft).

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