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President's Message

Over the past few months members of the Society have been working diligently to prepare the Society's research facilities. They have refurbished three rooms on the second floor of the old convent at St. Louis in Besancon. One room has been converted into the Society's office, and two rooms have been converted into reading rooms. The Society has acquired mahogany reading tables and steel-case filing cabinets, and all rooms have been attractively painted and

decorated.

The research facilities of the Society are open for research on Wednesdays between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and by appointment. Appointments can be made by contacting me at (219) 622-4067 or Theresa Martin at (219) 623-3866. Photographs of the new facilities and are on page 2 of this newsletter.

A number of the Society's projects are nearing completion. The cemetery project, a directory of the Society's members, and the Album in the Attic project will all be completed by this Fall.

In this issue of the Chronicles we are initiating two new regular features of the newsletter: a Queries column to which genealogical queries can be submitted and a selected bibliography of the Society's holdings.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all those who contributed to the Society's many projects during the past few months, either by their personal participation or by their financial support.

E. E. "Gene" Yoquelet

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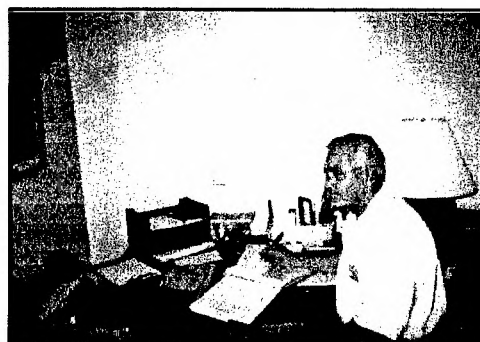
Photographs of New Facilities



Society members Barbara Gorney, Carlton Giant, and Theresa Martin examine research materials in one of the Society's two new reading rooms.



Second Reading Room.



Society President Gene Yoquelet in Society's new office.

The Descendants of Socrates Bacon of Jefferson Township, Indiana by Loretta Brady

My first ancestor in Indiana was SOCRATES BACON who came to Allen County in 1838 with his wife ANNE EARP. They were accompanied by their three small children.

Socrates was born in Carlton, Massachusetts and was descended from MICHAEL BACON who had emigrated in the 1640s from England to Dedham, Massachusetts. Several generations of Bacons lived in in Woburn, Charlestown, Woodstock¹ and Carlton, Massachusetts.²

Socrates and Anne Earp were married in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1826. Their first son CHARLES W. BACON was born in Bardstown, Pennsylvania in 1831. The family then moved to Detroit, Michigan where my great-grandfather SAMUEL BACON was born in 1834. His sister AMANDA BACON was born in Lucas County, Ohio in 1837. Four more children were born to Socrates and Anne after they moved to Jefferson Township: JOHN BACON (b. 1841), ADELINE BACON (b. 1844), LAURA BACON (b. 1846), and LUCY BACON (b. 1849).

In 1850 Socrates was operating the post office in Maples, the first in Jefferson Township. By 1858 Socrates had purchased property in New Haven and had turned the operation of the farm over to his son Samuel. Socrates then platted and began to sell lots in Bacon's addition which was located along Green Street at the corner of Summit Street. He also opened the first tin shop in the area. Socrates Bacon died in 1867 and was buried in the family plot at the I.O.O.F. cemetery in New Haven. Anne died in 1873 and was buried next to her husband.

¹Woodstock is now located in Connecticut.

²EPHRAIM BACON II, Socrates' great, great-grandfather, married SARAH FAIRBANKS in 1741 in Woodstock. Sarah was a member of an old Puritan family. The house that her ancestor JONATHAN FAIRBANKS built in 1636 soon after his arrival in New England still stands in Dedham; it is the oldest wooden frame house standing in America.

Socrates' son Samuel (Sam) married JANE GIRARDOT on November 11, 1854 in St. Louis Catholic Church in Besancon. Jane was the daughter of ALEXES GIRARDOT and his wife MARIE RIVARD; both had emigrated from the department of Haute-Saône to Stark County, Ohio where Jane, one of eight children, was born IN 1832. The Girardots subsequently settled in Section 34 in Jefferson Township, just south of the Bacon farm. Sam and Jane had five children: CHARLES S. BACON (b. 1855), LOUIS J. BACON (b. 1858), MARY LOUISE BACON (b. 1865), ANNA B. BACON (b. 1869), and LUCY BACON (b. 1871). Jane died in 1872 at the age of 40.

Sam remarried in July 1873 in St. Louis Church to JOSEPHINE DIDIER. Josephine was the daughter of VICTOR DIDIER and LUCIENNE BARBARET who had originally emigrated from France to Ohio where Josephine was born. Sam and Josephine had five children: ALBERT S. BACON (b. 1873), EPHRAIM J. BACON (b. 1875), ARTHUR C. BACON (b. 1882), IDA M. BACON (b. 1884), and SAMUEL J. BACON (b. 1890)

My grandmother Mary Louise, the daughter of Sam and Jane, was born in August 1865 after Sam returned from service in the Civil War. Like the other Bacon children, she attended the Bacon School located at the farm on Fackler Road. It is possible that Mary's future husband EZRA MCCORMICK also attended the school, since he grew up at Tillmans just one and one-half miles east of the Bacon farm.

Ezra (also called "Rizer") was the son of PATRICK JOSEPH MCCORMICK, a native of County Cork, who had immigrated in 1848 to Ross County, Ohio where he married NANCY ANN COX in 1852. They had three children--MARY B. MCCORMICK (b. 1853), THOMAS B. MCCORMICK (b. 1856), and REBECCA ANN MCCORMICK (b. 1859)--before moving to Jefferson Township in 1860. Patrick purchased 80 acres on the Ternet Road in the growing community of Tillmans and built a log home where Ezra (b. 1861), ELLEN MCCORMICK (b. 1864), MARGARET MCCORMICK (b. 1866) and PETER MCCORMICK (b. 1869) were born.

In 1889 Patrick sold the farm to Ezra and retired to Payne, Ohio where he died in 1912. He is buried in St. John's Cemetery in Payne. Nancy Ann predeceased

him in 1876.

Ezra and Mary Louise were married at Besancon on May 1, 1883. They farmed until they moved to Fort Wayne in the 1920s, where they lived on Grant Avenue. Ezra died in November 1948 and Mary lived until 1965 when she passed away at the age of 100, plus 15 days! Both Ezra and Mary Louise are buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in New Haven.

The children of Ezra and Mary Louise were

MARY LOUISE (JANE) MCCORMICK who married FRED MILLER at St. Louis Church in September 1902,

JOHN LOUIS MCCORMICK (July 1885-December 8, 1907),

SAMUEL PETER MCCORMICK (b. February 1888) who married MYRTLE HOOVER,

ROSE ANN MCCORMICK (April 1890-October 1904),

LUCY MARIE MCCORMICK (b. March 1893), who married 1) HENRY MALDENEY at St. Louis Church on November 10, 1909 and 2) CHARLES TITTLE in 1940,

ELIZABETH ELLEN MCCORMICK (b. 1895)

My mother Elizabeth Ellen McCormick was born in a log house in Tillmans. She married WILLIAM TATMAN in May 1912 at St. Louis Church in Besancon. William was born in Jackson Township and attended school in Baldwin, Indiana.

Three children were born to the Tatmans while they lived in the log house:

CLARENCE W. TATMAN (August 1, 1912-September 1980; buried Rome City) who married DOROTHY RONDOT in St. Andrew's Church in Fort Wayne on November 17, 1934,

ESTHER L. TATMAN (b. December 16, 1913) who married Marcus Barber on March 7, 1936 in Bluffton, Indiana, and

BERNARD C. TATMAN (b. September 1, 1915) who married Phyllis M. Smith on April 24, 1937.

After the birth of Bernard, the family moved to a home on Wayne Trace on the east side of Fort Wayne. Ten more children were born to the couple.

FLOYD TATMAN (b. June 14, 1917)

> stillborn

LLOYD TATMAN (b. June 14, 1917),

ELSIE M. TATMAN (b. & d. March 1918),

ROSELLA B. TATMAN (b. & d. May 1920),

ALICE MARY TATMAN (September 14, 1921-February 11, 1938),

VELMA ELIZABETH TATMAN (April 11-1923-),

EDITH M. TATMAN (January 9, 1925-June 1945), who married VIRGIL MCDIVITT and who is buried in I.O.O.F. Cemetery in New Haven,

ELWILDA (WILLIE) TATMAN (b. June 1, 1926) who married WILLIAM (BILL) LEWIS (d. August 31, 1992 in Alabama) on July 7, 1951 in Brooklyn, Michigan.

EVELYN RITA TATMAN (b. August 11, 1934), who married Kenneth Pangburn on 3 October 1973.

I was born at the Wayne Trace home and, along with the rest of my siblings, attended St. Andrew's Catholic School. After graduating from Central Catholic High School, I moved to Rome City where I met HUDSON F. BRADY. We were married on April 23, 1949 at St. Gaspar del Bufalo Church at Rome City. Hudson passed away on September 2, 1988. We have five sons:

THOMAS E. BRADY (b. October 3, 1949),

PATRICK D. BRADY (b. June 27, 1951),

KENNETH BRADY (b. July 29, 1952),

STAN H. BRADY (b. October 13, 1955), and

JAMES F. BRADY (b. April 5, 1958).

I now have nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. I retired from Kraft Foods and live in Kendallville. I would like to travel to England and Ireland from which many of my ancestors came.

Loretta Brady
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QUERIES

Queries should be sent to Ralph Violette, 5523 Trishlyn Cove, Fort Wayne IN 46835-8895 for posting in the next issue of the Chronicles. Responses to queries should be addressed to the person making the query.

001--Seeking PAILLOZ/PIO descendants. The Pio family was one of the early Besancon Families. The Pios settled in Jefferson Township in the 1850s. They intermarried with the Isaby, Barbier, Major, Lortie, and Gerardot families, among others. **Terri Gorney, 4723 Barrington Drive, Fort Wayne IN 46806-2672.**

002--Looking for DODANE, CORNEILLE, CURTS, AND KAYS families. Arlene and Robert Curts, 7201 White Eagle Drive, Fort Wayne IN 46815, (219) 749-9780, e-mail: **BOBKAZ@aol.com.**

003--Seeking information about the family of MOURICE NICHOLAS RAUSIS and ANNA URSULA JAURIS RAUSIS. The family came from Switzerland and settled in the Besancon area around 1850. There were five children: **MORRIS FELIX RAUSIS, FRANCIS NICHOLAS RAUSIS, MARIE CESARINE RAUSIS, MARY ALEXANDRIA RAUSIS, and MARY LOUISE RAUSIS.** The name was Americanized to ROSE. **Joyce Lomont Crowl, 5036 Abbey Lane, Shelby Township MI 48316. e-mail: jjcrowl@c3net.net.**

Items for Sale

The Besancon Historical Society is offering for sale two photographs from the Bea Bowers collection. The photographs date from around 1900. The first shows the exterior of the church, and the second is an interior view which depicts the main altar and two side altars.

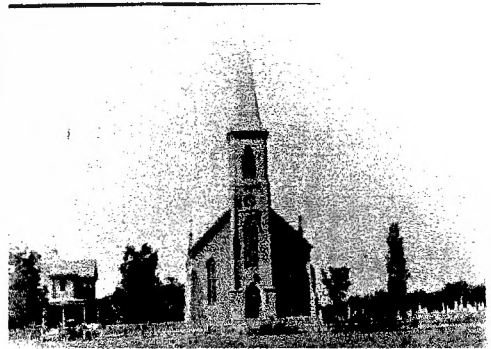


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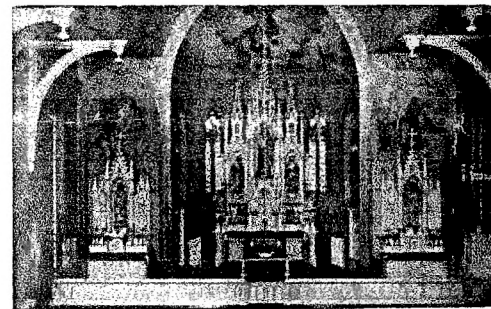


Photo # 2

Reproductions of these photographs are \$5.00 each. To obtain copies fill out the form on page 13 of this newsletter. (The reproductions are of a higher quality than is represented here.)

The Society is in the process of finalizing its old cemetery project which attempts to plot the location of tombstones in the Old Cemetery at St. Louis and reconcile death and burial records at St. Louis. The hard-bound book, compiled by Sue Kratzman and Judy Schroff, will be available in a limited edition this Fall for \$14.95 + \$3.50 for shipping and handling. Ordering information is on page 13 of this newsletter

BHS Research Holdings

The Society already possesses in its research collection a wide variety of manuscripts, typescripts, bound volumes, photographs, and microfilms. The Society is continually adding to its collection, and it welcomes donations of histories, genealogies, and family histories pertaining to the settlement of eastern Allen County, Indiana and communities in foreign countries and surrounding states from which the Indiana settlers came. A sample list of some of the Society's holdings follows (Only the title of the item and the author or compiler, in parentheses, are provided.)

Alfred Rondot Collection

Augustyniak History & Genealogy (Charlotte Augustyniak)

Bowers Family Genealogy (Margaret Hahn)

Cayot Genealogy (Manford Cayot)

Courchaton, Department of Haute-Saône, 1670-1852 (Rev. Charles Banet)

Descendants of Francis Joseph Menegay and Jeanne Claude Vouron

Descendants of Joseph Violand and Elizabeth Marchand

Descendants of Proper Monot and Josephine Guigon

Early French Immigrants: Dodane, Martin & Monnot

Henry Castleman History and Genealogy (Margaret Hahn)

Historical Atlas of Paulding County, Ohio

History of Catholicity in Northern Ohio and in the Diocese of Cleveland

History of St. Louis Catholic Church, Louisville, Ohio & the St. Louis Catholic Cemetery Inscriptions

History of Catholicity in Indiana (Charles Blanchard)

Isabey Genealogy ("Bea" Bowers)

Lothamer Family Newsletters

Main Family (John C. Main)

Pailloz-Pio from Bournois, France to Besancon, Indiana (Terri Gorney, CGRS)

Paulding County, Ohio Census Index, 1830-1860 (Ray Keck)

Records of Coulevon, Dept. of Haute-Saône/ Registres Paroissiaux, 1556-1792 (Rev. Charles Banet)

Reuilles of Old Besancon (Michael Roy Morow and Alyce Jane Morow)

Sordelet Genealogy

St. Louis Catholic Church Records, 1865-1907 (Rev. Charles Banet)

Anyone wishing to add to the Society's collections should contact the President.

Genealogies

The following information was provided by Society President Gene Yoquelet.

FRENE HISTORY/GENEALOGY

Census listings of Franes in Allen County, Indiana

JEFFERSON TWP. pg 621 #1280 ln 15, 1860

FRANE PIERRETTE	age 69	Fr.
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LAKE TWP. pg 293 #413 ln 28, 1860

FRANE, JOSEPH	age 12	Fr.
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LAKE TWP pg 293 #414 ln 34, 1860

FRANE PROSPER	age 16	Fr.
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JEFFERSON TWP pg 621 #1280 LN 11, 1860

FRANE, PROSPER	age 44	Farmer	Fr.	(Frene)
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FRANCIS	30		Fr.	
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MARY	22		Fr.	
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MARY	2		In.	
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FORT WAYNE (7th) pg 411b #68 ln 29, 1870

FRANE, MARGARET	age 65	housekeeper	Fr.
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PAULINE	19		Fr.
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JOSEPH	22		Fr.
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JEFFERSON TWP pg 467a #56 ln 15, 1870

FRANE, FRANCIS	age 37	farmer	Fr. (Frene)
MARY	35		Fr.
MARY	10		In.
JOSEPHINE	7		In
JANE	5		In
JULES	1		In
FRANCIS	3		In

Names in Catholic Records at Fort Wayne, 1830-1880.

FRANE, CAROLINE	m.	JEAN BAPTIST ROY
ELIZABETH		GEORGE VENDERLY
FRANCOIS		MARIE GREMAUX
THERESA		MARC PEPE
PROSPER		FRANCOISE M. FONDEUER

Fort Wayne Catholic Cemetery

FRAINE, PROSPER	d. May 15, 1929	b. 1847	sec C	ln 287
MARY E.	d. Apr 7, 1902	b. 1845	sec C	ln 287
JOHN	d. Jul 8, 1931	b. 1867	sec C	ln 287

JEAN CLAUDE FRESNE/SALLOT GENEALOGY

JEAN CLAUDE FRESNE born ca. 1768, pl. Fr., d. 2/2/1836 Fr., son of JEAN PIERRE and JEANNE FRANCOISE (GODARD) FRESNE, natives of Courchaton, France

ELIZABETH JEANNE SALLOT, born ca. 1765, pl. Fr., d 12/15/1841, pl. Fr., daug. of JEAN FRANCOIS and PIERRETTE (RODEY) SALLOT, natives of Courchaton, France.

Marriage date 2/7/1792, pl. Courchaton, Fr.

Children:

JEANNE MARGUERITE

born 8/30/1792, pl. Courchaton, d. 8/11/1815 pl. _____

CLAUDE JOSEPH

born 1/15/1795, pl. Courchaton, d. __/__/__, pl. _____, married
JEANNE PIERRETTE VERNIER, m/d 10/31/1814, pl. Courchaton

JEANNE FRANCOISE

born 2/15/1797, pl. Courchaton, d 11/8/1814, pl. _____

JEAN CLAUDE

born 2/8/1801, pl. Courchaton, d. __/__/__, pl. _____, married
JEANNE MARIE JOURDAIN, m/d 11/26/1826, pl. Courchaton

CLAUDE FRANCOIS XAVIER

born 1/17/1804, pl. Courchaton, d. __/__/__, pl. _____ married
ANNE FRANCOISE REVERD, m/d 3/14/1831, pl. Courchaton

JEAN CLAUDE

born 6/29/1810, pl. Courchaton,
d . ____ / ____ / ____ ,
pl. _____, married
JACQUES LELOURDY, m/d/
9/28/1833, pl. Courchaton

Notes: The surname of "Fresne" may also be found with various spellings, such as Fraine, Fraisine, Frane, Freine, Frêne, Frêsne, Frane, DeFrasne, and Dufrasne.

Answers to the March Quiz:

1. Jackson 2
2. Jefferson 2
3. Jackson 5
4. Jackson 6
5. Jefferson 1
6. St. Louis Academy

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<http://www.ipfw.edu/ipfwhist/historgs/besancon.htm>

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___ Individual membership \$10.00 per year

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___ Life-time membership \$100.00

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I would like to purchase the following.

Photo # 1 No. of copies _____ @ \$5.00 each

Photo # 2 No. of copies _____ @ \$5.00 each

St. Louis Besancon Catholic Church Old Cemetery (\$14.95 + \$3.50 S&H)

I would like to make an additional donation to the BHS in the amount of

TOTAL _____

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